

NEW ATTEMPT TO END CRISIS IN FRANCE

HOUSE ASKED TO PROVIDE VOTE ON WATERWORKS DEAL

Browne of Burnaby Demands That Expropriation go Before Victoria Ratepayers

City to Fight Last-minute Attempt to Hold up Purchase of Esquimalt System

Before it is finally passed by the Legislature Victoria's expropriation of the Esquimalt waterworks system will have to overcome eleventh-hour objections advanced by F. A. Browne, Labor, Burnaby, to-day. Mr. Browne has given notice of an amendment to the legislation ratifying the expropriation which would force the city to submit the waterworks deal to the ratepayers for approval. Mr. Browne's amendments provide that the enabling legislation shall remain ineffective until the ratepayers have voted upon it.

The Browne amendments are the culmination of a long fight on the part of a group in Victoria to force the waterworks deal to the ratepayers in the form of a by-law or referendum.

The City Council, through Victoria members of the House and other members friendly to its attitude, will fight Mr. Browne's proposal to the last ditch, it was indicated to-day. The Private Bills Committee of the House having approved the expropriation without its submission to the people, it is expected that the House will endorse this amendment.

VANCOUVER MAN BADLY INJURED

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—Frank Platt, a carpenter, was found lying unconscious on Kingsway in South Vancouver, shortly after 10 o'clock, this morning, suffering from injuries evidently inflicted by a hit-and-run motorist. Platt now lies in the Vancouver General Hospital in a semi-conscious condition, his head, back and left arm having been severely injured. His condition is described as critical.

RAIL REPAIRS ARE SLOW WORK

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—Unusual difficulties have been encountered by the Canadian National Railways in clearing the line between Prince Rupert and Pacific Station. The road has been tied up since December 5 by the worst washouts experienced since construction days. It was expected that the line would be able to proceed to the coast by December 15, but it is now announced it will likely be December 18 before the operation of through trains will be possible.

OWNER QUESTIONED AT COAL INQUIRY

Duke of Northumberland Answers Miners' Secretary at British Investigation

London, Dec. 16 (Canadian Press Cable).—The Duke of Northumberland was cross-examined by A. J. Cook, general secretary of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, before the Government coal commission to-day in connection with the agreement between the Government and the Federation by which the threatened strike some months ago was settled by the Government granting a coal mining subsidy pending the report of the Royal Commission on the coal industry and the miners' wages.

"You claim royalties from the miners' wage and you claim royalties from the minerals under your land," said Mr. Cook to the Duke. "Do you think you have a similar right to royalties from the air for aeroplanes flying over your land?"

"I do not think so," the Duke replied, "but it is a matter of law."

ALL PAY TAXES

"What precisely is the value of the services which you, as a landowner receiving royalties, render to the community?" Mr. Cook asked.

"Every owner of property renders services," said the Duke. "There is no difference between the owner of ordinary property and the owner of property on which mining royalties are paid. They both pay taxes. I have already paid in death and succession duties twenty-two per cent. of the value of my property. My heir will pay forty per cent."

The Duke said his leases were granted on the condition that the miners must be properly housed.

"I try to render service," the Duke added significantly, "by conducting a propaganda to explain to the miners the disastrous course in which they are being placed by their leaders."

VANCOUVER JUDGE IS JAY-WALKER

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—Judge David Grant recommends "jay walking." He told county court jurors to-day when he charged them in an action by Miss Mary Rose to recover approximately \$400 damages for injuries sustained August 2 last when she was struck by an automobile driven by defendant, Mrs. Helen Bibby.

"I rarely ever cross at a crossing," said the magistrate, "because when I cross at a crossing I have got to protect myself from four angles, and if I cross in the centre I can step out, and look to the right and the left. There no person can come from any other angle than the right, or the left."

VANCOUVER INTERESTS BEHIND MOVE TO OPEN WESTHOLME CASE AT GREAT COST, SAYS SHANDLEY

Vancouver interests are behind a move to compel the city of Victoria to reopen the whole Westholme Lumber Company dispute at enormous cost was the assertion of H. H. Shandley, acting for the city, in a statement issued to-day. This statement followed the action of Capt. Ian Mackenzie, Liberal, Vancouver, in filing notice of amendment to the Westholme Lumber Company Bill, now before the Legislature to force the city to submit to a wide-open arbitration of the long-standing waterworks construction controversy.

According to Mr. Shandley, Capt. Mackenzie is merely the formal sponsor of the bill, which actually is being advanced by a legal firm in Vancouver. This firm, Mr. Shandley declared, had written letters to members of the Private Bills Committee after its report on the Westholme matter had been tabled in the House, urging them to abandon their previous alterations in the Westholme Bill. These alterations were made by the Private Bills Committee to restrict the scope of the proposed investigation by a neutral engineer to questions arising only in connection with accounts rendered to the Westholme Company by the City Water Commissioner after the completion of the Sooke Lake waterworks construction. If this restriction were removed the investigation could include a wide-open arbitration of all transactions between the city and the Westholme Company, Mr. Shandley stated. This the city has strongly opposed and declares that such a wide-open investigation already has been rejected by the courts. An inquiry of this sort, says Mr. Shandley, would cost enormous sums of money, which the city would have no chance of recovering.

"In December, 1911," Mr. Shandley said, "the Westholme Company entered into a contract to build the Sooke Lake waterworks system. In April, 1913, the company abandoned the work and immediately issued a writ against the city claiming damages to the extent of \$500,000 for being induced to enter into the contract by fraudulent representations by Wynn Meredith, the engineer employed by the city to do the work. (Concluded on page 2)

PANIC IN MOVIE THEATRE CAUSED DEATH OF BOY

Montmagny, Que., Dec. 16.—Panic which resulted in the death of one person and the serious injury of twenty-five others was caused in the local moving picture house last night when the film which was being shown caught fire.

A little boy was crushed to death in the stampede for the door, and a number of men and women suffered more or less serious injuries. The fire did not spread and the interior of the theatre was only slightly damaged.

There were 400 people in the theatre at the time of the outbreak.

REZA NOW IS SHAH OF PERSIA

Tehran, Dec. 16.—Reza Shah Pehlevi, who received the crown of Persia from the Constituent Assembly Sunday, took the oath of office before the members of Parliament yesterday.

In an address His Majesty said he greatly appreciated the friendly sentiments expressed by the people, and promised to do his utmost for the welfare and progress of Persia. He was loudly cheered.

The Shah, who arose from the humble post of hostler in Caspian Kalar, who is in exile in France, and founded a new dynasty to be known under his family name of Pehlevi.

Three Members of Family Met Violent Deaths

Tacoma, Dec. 16.—The hand of tragedy completed its grim work of wiping out an entire family when Jack W. Manley, seventy-six, a former Tacoma city engineer, was killed by an automobile last night.

Mr. Manley was run down and killed on the same street and near the same spot where his wife met death in a similar way a few years ago. The only daughter of the couple went to her death on the Lusitania as she was going to France to serve as a war nurse.

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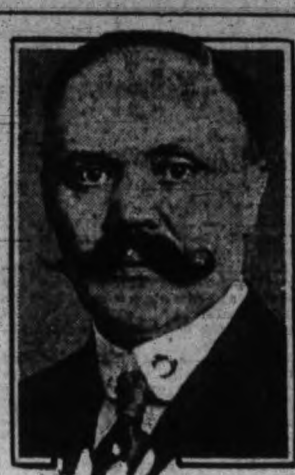
\$236,799 is Paid To Fruit Growers

Vernon, B. C., Dec. 16.—A total of \$236,799.80 was distributed this week by the Associated Growers of British Columbia as advances against "unclosed pools."

Tribe in Syria Surrenders to French Forces

Dumanaus, Dec. 16.—The war-like Maull tribe, numbering 1,500 fighting men, surrendered to the French, an official statement says. The tribe had 600,000 francs and 1,500 rifles imposed on the tribe.

FAILED TO SOLVE FINANCE PROBLEM OF FRENCH NATION



LOUIS LOUCHEUR who resigned from the French Cabinet yesterday and has been succeeded by Paul Doumer.

CONSTABLES' STRIKE IN ULSTER SPREADS

Munitions Seized by Mutinous Units, Which Control Wireless Facilities

Belfast, Dec. 16.—The strike of the "A" special constables in Ulster took a grave turn this afternoon when all platoons of that force in County Tyrone, except that of Omagh, the county capital, joined the movement. They have seized motor trucks and quantities of munitions and control the wireless facilities. The movement is spreading rapidly.

Outbreak is Result of Order For Disbandment of the Force

London, Dec. 16.—The strike of the "A" special constables, posted by the striking "A" special constabulary, to-day patrolled the entrance to the Prince's Dock barracks here, sternly warning strangers away. Strict sobriety is being maintained among the 300 men there, who are seemingly taking the strike more seriously than the other sections of the constabulary throughout the northern counties of Ireland.

The men, angered over the decision under the London boundary agreement to disband them immediately, are demanding a bonus of £200 each, free of income tax. The Government yesterday offered two months' leave on full pay and transportation home, but the men at the Prince's Dock declared it unacceptable.

The special constables on duty at the court and jail in Belfast joined the strike and have been replaced by regulars.

LOCAL OPTION PLAN OPPOSED IN GERMANY

Hamburg, Germany, Dec. 15.—The Hamburg Chamber of Commerce has adopted a resolution addressed to the Federal Government denouncing proposals for local option as the first step in making Germany dry.

Mr. Moore submitted his resignation to President Coolidge during a visit to Washington, but it was announced then he would remain in Madrid until he had cleared up several matters then under discussion.

ALEXANDER MOORE TO RETURN TO U.S.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Alexander P. Moore of Pittsburgh, who resigned several months ago as United States ambassador to Spain, is expected to give up his post and return to the United States late this month.

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Two Charged With Tyhurst Murder

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 16.—Edward and Patrick McGuire of St. Gabriel de Brandon yesterday were committed for trial on the charge of murdering Robert Tyhurst, branch manager of the St. Maurice Paper Company, who was shot and instantly killed on the night of December 4 in a company bungalow.

Robert Tyhurst was a resident of Victoria for some years before moving to Quebec.

Locarno Pact Brought Before French Chamber

Paris, Dec. 16.—Premier Briand introduced in the Chamber of Deputies to-day a bill calling for ratification of the Locarno security pact.

Daring Chicago Robber Escaped

Chicago, Dec. 16.—A robber late last night threw a wrench through the display window of a downtown jewelry store here while hundreds of Christmas shoppers were passing, scooped up two trays of diamond rings valued at between \$20,000 and \$25,000 and escaped.

RUSH OF SETTLERS TO CANADA IN SPRING FROM OLD LAND EXPECTED

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—As a result of the new three-party agreement bringing into effect sharply lowered fares from Great Britain to Canada, a rush of settlers from the Old Country to the Dominion is expected in the coming Spring, according to W. J. Black, director of the department of colonization, development and agriculture of the Canadian National Railways.

"There never were better opportunities for the right kind of people from Britain, Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State in Canada than there are at present," said Mr. Black.

"With the advantages offered under the new agreement, there should be a big rush to Canada next year, for this agreement removes what was the chief deterrent—the high cost of transportation."

DILUTION ACCEPTED

London, Dec. 16 (Canadian Press Cable).—Under the Empire settlement agreement, the Canadian Immigration Department has consented to a certain amount of dilution in the qualifications required for farm worker settlers in Canada in return for the assumption by the British Government of additional financial responsibility in connection with the assisted passage arrangements. The dilution probably will be found to consist of admitting twenty per cent. of inexperienced labor; or, in other words, for every four skilled farm workers migrating to Canada, one unskilled worker will be accepted for migration.

TERMS STATED

In the House of Commons to-day W. G. Ormsby-Gore, Under-Secretary to the Secretary of State for the Dominions, announced the terms of the agreement between the British and Canadian Governments and the transatlantic shipping companies with regard to settlement.

Replying to a question from Philip Snowden, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the late Labor Government, Mr. Ormsby-Gore said he understood the cost of these subsidized passages would be met jointly by the British and Canadian Governments. The agreement had been arrived at under the Overseas Settlement Act, he added, and was on a fifty-fifty basis.

Japanese Troops Sent to Mukden

Tokyo, Dec. 16.—Government spokesmen to-day stated troops had left Korea for Mukden, the Manchurian capital, and that additional forces would be sent to the city, after which no fighting would be permitted within six miles of that city.

No Fighting to be Permitted Within Six Miles of That City

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—Howls of St. Peter's hospital here to-day discovered the bodies of Mrs. E. Blanche Mephram, forty-one, and her son, Edward E. Mephram, four years, who had died with blue binding tape in their home here. The bodies were found by Mrs. Mephram's aged mother, Mrs. E. Blanche Palmer, seventy-five, who had been asleep in an adjoining room.

Detectives expressed the belief Mrs. Mephram had strangled the boy, then slipped a noose about her own neck, fastened the end of the tape to the bed post and dropped to her knees, drawing the noose tight. Death, Mrs. Palmer told police her daughter had been suffering from religious delusions.

T. W. Hemp, Palouse, Washington, Died

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 16.—Rushed to St. Peter's hospital here in an unconscious condition, Representative Thomas W. Hemp of Palouse, Whitman County, died this morning at 7:50 o'clock. Dr. G. R. Ingham, attending physician, said death apparently was due to a paralytic stroke. Representative Hemp died without regaining consciousness.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

Changes of Display Advertising Copy for Saturday's issue must be handed in not later than 5 p.m. on Friday.

GREECE READY TO PAY SUM TO BULGARIA

Athens, Greece, Dec. 16.—The Greek Government, in a note to the British Minister, says it accepts unconditionally the award of the League of Nations in the Greco-Bulgarian incident. It expresses hope, however, that the sum Greece must pay will be settled equitably with the sums owing by Bulgaria for reparations.

EARTH SHOCKS IN BALKANS

Belgrade, Dec. 16.—Earth shocks occurred to-day in many parts of this country. Considerable damage is reported along the Adriatic Coast.

U.S. CONSIDERING GENEVA INVITATION

Coolidge to State Attitude Toward Proposed Disarmament Conference

Commission Being Formed Will Make Preparations For Assembly

Washington, Dec. 16.—President Coolidge is deferring consideration of the invitation from the League of Nations for United States participation in the Geneva arms limitation proceedings pending a complete study of the project by the State Department.

Meanwhile, such information as has been published from Geneva has served to lay stress on the fact that the commission to which the Washington Government has been asked to assign delegates is purely one of inquiry to discover what armament questions could be taken up in an international conference with reasonable hope that limiting agreements could be negotiated.

TWO MEN GIVEN TWO YEARS FOR THEFT OF CAR

New Westminster, Dec. 16.—Two years' imprisonment was the sentence imposed in police court here this morning on Frederick Clarke and Charles R. Smith, described as transients from the prairie provinces, for the theft of an automobile in which they attempted to cross the United States boundary.

The men were taken into custody early yesterday near Blaine, Wash., by United States immigration officers in the car, which had been stolen here.

Woman Killed Son and Herself

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THEOSOPHISTS NOW PREDICT GREAT EVENT

Leaders Preparing For Second Coming of Christ at Early Date

New York, Dec. 16.—Thousands of Theosophists are journeying to India in anticipation of the "Second Coming of Christ," says The New York Tribune.

They are drawn by the prophecy of their leader, Mrs. Annie Besant, international president of the Theosophical Society, that within the next five months the Star of Bethlehem will burn over Kadiri, India, and Christ will return to the earth in the body of Krishnamurti, a thirty-year-old Hindu.

The anticipated appearance of the "New Christ," which had been kept secret for some time, says The Tribune, was revealed by Captain R. L. Jones, a Londoner, proprietor and American representative of Mrs. Besant. Only a few weeks ago Krishnamurti quietly visited the United States, meeting members of the faith.

"Christ will simply come as before, this time using the body of Krishnamurti as his vehicle," Captain Jones stated.

Seven persons are being prepared as apostles and the other five will be appointed in India.

It is stated modern publicity agents will herald the arrival of the "New Christ" as he and his apostles journey through the world, proclaiming his message to humanity.

Although Mrs. Besant had set five months from now as the time for the event, other Theosophists have set it as early as Christmas.

IRISH BOUNDARY PACT IS IN FORCE

Dublin, Dec. 16.—The Free State Senate to-day endorsed a resolution declaring the bill ratifying the London Irish Boundary Agreement necessary to the public peace. By this action, possibility of a popular referendum on the issue is excluded and the measure becomes operative immediately.

M. PAUL DOUMER IS NAMED FRENCH FINANCE CHIEF

Man Advancing Moderate Proposals Put in Gap Left When Parties in Chamber of Deputies Forced Louis Loucheur to Resign; Business Turnover Tax May Aid in Ending Financial Problem of Republic.

Paris, Dec. 16.—Senator Paul Doumer was appointed Minister of Finance to-day. After a conference with Premier Briand the Senator announced he would accept the portfolio.

He succeeds Louis Loucheur, who resigned yesterday after his plans for the financial rehabilitation of France had been rejected by the finance committee of the Chamber of Deputies. Disapproval of Loucheur's fiscal policy by business organizations throughout the country, also was manifested.

The new effort to find a solution of France's great economic problem was not launched without some opposition. Premier Briand, after a meeting of the Cabinet this morning, asked Senator Doumer to call at the Quai d'Orsay immediately, but the visit later was postponed until 2 o'clock this afternoon while the President consulted his leading ministers further.

AVOIDS EXTREMES

M. Doumer is a solid, sober personality, and as such inspires confidence among most of the parties in the Chamber. He is considered a man who will not rush forward with impetuous reforms. He has long pondered over the situation of the country's finances and is said to have come to certain conclusions which speedily may be put into shape and applied.

For one thing, M. Doumer is regarded as an enemy to all the complicated and ingenious schemes which upset the existing fiscal arrangements. He is an apostle of simplicity and advocates the increase in existing taxation, notably a business turnover tax, which is really an indirect tax and consequently one in which confidence is evenly distributed among all classes.

FIFTH RESIGNATION

The resignation of Louis Loucheur marked the downfall of the fifth Minister of Finance who had grappled with France's great financial problem in eight months.

The opposition to M. Loucheur came from the action group that obliged M. Caillaux to retire, namely, the Socialists and extreme Radicals, while Painlevé succumbed, as did De Monzie and Clemenceau, to the moderate Conservative groups, with a few dissenting Radicals.

The Council announced it was unanimous in deciding not to partition the disputed areas, and the provisional line fixed at the Brussels conference should be the definite Turkish frontier.

The decision will become operative within six months, provided Great Britain fulfills the conditions.

TURKS ANGRY

The Turks are indignant over the decision of the Council. Tewfik Ruzhdi Bey, head of the Turkish delegation here, charged Britain with having brought influence to bear on the Council in her favor by stating the Turks had massacred men and women and sold children into slavery. This charge was contained in a report from a Chaldean Catholic priest and the British delegation turned it over to the Council.

Tewfik also accused the British of arming Armenian Christians against the Turks and of using influence to antedate the formation of the Turkish republic to discredit Turkey. He said Major-General James G. Harbord, who headed a United States mission which investigated the situation in Armenia in 1919, asserted the Turks had been responsible for these incidents, but themselves suffered through them.

TURKS' ARGUMENT

The Council later received the Turkish delegation, which declared Turkey maintained her full sovereign rights over Mosul. Sovereignty over any territory, the Turks said, could be changed only with the consent of the nations involved. As they had been no mediation in the present case, Turkey could not give her consent to any decision by the Council.

Colonel Amery, British Colonial Secretary, told the Council he saw no difficulty in the way of Great Britain undertaking a twenty-five-year mandate treaty with Iraq.

Argentine Doubt Causes Chicago Wheat to Rise

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Wild fluctuations in wheat prices here to-day followed talk which was current among traders that a scandal was looming over the Argentine Government crop report. The market jumped 1 1/2 cents a bushel from an early low level, and closed at virtually the day's top figures, \$1.75 to \$1.75 1/2, December delivery, and \$1.70 to \$1.70 1/2 for May.

As a result of the widespread skepticism wheat prices began to jump and the trade inclined more to accept recent unofficial estimates that the exportable surplus of wheat in Argentina would be only about 25,000,000 bushels this season instead of 140,000,000 bushels as suggested by the Argentine Government.

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CIVIL SERVICE HEAD ATTACKED

Opposition Demands Salary Cut For MacInnes; May Urge Change in Office

Conservatives in the Provincial Legislature last night launched a determined campaign to secure a reduction in the salary of Civil Service Commissioner W. H. MacInnes. Finally discussion of the commissioner's salary was postponed after the Opposition had moved that it be cut from \$4,200 to \$2,000. When the question comes up again the Conservatives threaten to move that Mr. MacInnes be replaced.

H. D. Twigg, Conservative, Victoria, opened the attack on Mr. MacInnes with the assertion that civil servants were not being treated fairly. They were not promoted on the basis of service and efficiency, he said, and men had been discharged on the slightest pretext, losing their superannuation allowances without an opportunity of appearing before a board of inquiry.

Reginald Hayward, Conservative, Victoria, referring to answers to a long series of questions asked by the Opposition this session, asserted that Mr. MacInnes had made income tax returns for officials in his department but had not filled his own returns nor paid his income tax until after questions on the subject had been filed in the House. This, Mr. Hayward declared, did not make for efficiency.

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ACTION TRIED

The action was tried before Mr. Justice Murphy and he was assisted by two eminent assessors, Colonel Tracey and Mr. Carey. The trial lasted six weeks and the action was dismissed. The case was appealed to the Court of Appeal, which dismissed it. It was then taken to the Imperial Privy Council. Mr. Ritchie, K.C., acting for the city, was not called upon but one of the Lords asked him if he would be willing to undertake, in the event of any questions arising which were to be determined under the contract by Mr. Meredith, in connection with the accounts taken after the completion of the work, that these questions would be submitted to a neutral engineer and not to Mr. Meredith. This undertaking was given by Mr. Ritchie and pursuant to this undertaking both parties agreed upon W. W. Ball as the neutral engineer.

WANTS OPEN INQUIRY

"However, W. J. Taylor, K.C., acting for the Westholme Company, contended that the undertaking given by Mr. Ritchie was to the effect that there should be a wide-open arbitration to determine all matters and questions arising under the contract. In other words, going away with this judgment of Mr. Justice Murphy. The city always insisted that the undertaking referred only to questions that might arise in connection with the accounts which were made up by the Water Commissioner and delivered to the company in 1918.

"In 1920 Mr. Taylor launched an action for the company against the city, asking a mandatory order to compel the city to instruct Mr. Ball to determine all questions arising under the contract. This went to the Court of Appeal and the Court of Appeal did not agree with Mr. Taylor's contention but upheld the city's contention.

"In 1924 Mr. Taylor again launched another action against the city, asking for a similar order and once again the Court of Appeal refused to make the order.

GOES TO HOUSE

Mr. Taylor was not to be denied, however, and last year secured the insertion of an amendment to the city's private bill, endeavoring to get legislation passed, overriding the Court of Appeal.

The city was not prepared to meet this situation and rather than engage in controversy over it withdrew its private bill. This year Mr. Taylor has proposed a private bill of his own, asking the Legislature to override the Court of Appeal and order a wide-open arbitration. The Private Bills Committee, after considering the matter, reported to the House recommending that Mr. Taylor's bill should be amended, tying it down to questions arising in connection with the accounts that were taken by the Water Commissioner in 1918. Now an amendment has appeared on the order paper, in the name of Capt. Mackenzie, to amend the bill by including words which would practically result in another wide-open arbitration.

IN LIQUIDATION

"The Westholme Company is in liquidation and it never paid out a cent to the city for its cost of all the litigation and no way of recovering it is available now. According to the records in the office of the

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Currie is Proud of Successors To His Old Unit

General Sir Arthur Currie has telegraphed his congratulations to the Fifty-fifth Battery of the British Columbia Coast Artillery, successors of the old No. 1 Company, Fifth Regiment, C.G.A., on the outstanding success achieved last summer in the annual gunnery and efficiency tests which placed the battery as the finest unit in Canada.

Sir Arthur Currie commenced his military career as a gunner in this unit, and expressed his delight in the following words: "Well done, No. 1. As ever, I am proud of you."
—A. W. CURRIE—

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, the company is indebted to the Bank of Montreal in a very large sum of money. If the city is compelled to arbitrate all questions arising under the waterworks contract it would be necessary to bring here Mr. Meredith, former City Engineer and other witnesses, and enormous cost without the slightest chance of ever recovering any portion of these costs.

The city has argued that members of the Private Bill Committee, since tabling their report, have received letters from a firm of solicitors in Vancouver to the effect that the original Westholme bill should not be altered. What is wanted is a wide-open arbitration. Thus we have the surprising spectacle of Vancouver members of the Legislature to interfere in a purely Victoria question which already has been settled and determined by the courts, and ruled upon by the Private Bill Committee after lengthy consideration.

Cloverdale School Girls Pass Exams In Mothercraft

The Little Mothers' League class at the Cloverdale School, which has been trained in mothercraft and hygiene by the school nurse, Miss Griffin, was examined by Mrs. C. A. Lucas, Superintendent of the Saanich Health Centre, on Monday.

The class of twenty-four includes the following girls: Mary Adams, Jean Alexander, Mary Crow, Emily Greenwood, Winnifred Hall, Mabel Hall, Ada Ford, Elsie Kilby, Ida Knowlton, Jean Maclean, May Moore, Lucella Mitchell, Tilda Noble, Margaret Noble, Florence Pettifore, Rose Palmer, Florence Peddie, Effie and Louise Permitt, Ethel Parker, Elsie Pys, Margaret Stewart, Muriel Simpson, Ernesta Stott.

Mrs. Lucas found the class of very high standard, the girls giving an excellent demonstration of the fine training received. The diplomas and prizes will be presented by Miss Kathleen Oldfield, at the annual school concert at Lake Hill Community Hall to-morrow evening.

Trans-Atlantic Radio Dance Test Was Big Success

New York, Dec. 16.—Thousands of persons in Europe danced early this morning (European time) to the strains of jazz broadcast from the United States.

Associated Press dispatches from London and Berlin tell of men and women in hotels and supper clubs of England and Continental cities tripping the light fantastic to synopsized strains from 2,000 miles away.

Dance numbers were carried from the Waldorf-Astoria in New York to WGY in Schenectady and re-broadcast. KDKA, Pittsburgh, broadcast a programme of its own at the request of the British Broadcasting Company, which conducted the European end of the test.

As London is five hours ahead of New York time, special permission was obtained from the Hotel Savoy to remain open long enough to hear the American music.

Langford

Special to The Times
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Duncan

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Duncan, Dec. 16.—Maple Leaf Lodge No. 29 at their meeting last week elected their officers for the coming year as follows: Past Grand Chief, Mrs. Walter Evans; Most Excellent Chief, Mrs. Dunkeld; Excellent Senior Chief, Mrs. Hallworth; Excellent Junior Chief, Mrs. Chester; Manager, Mrs. L. Quance; M. of R. and C. Mrs. R. H. Whidden; M. of P. Mrs. W. Diron; Protector, Mrs. Goddard; Guard, Mrs. W. L. Henderson; Press Correspondent, Mrs. Mottishaw.

CARD PARTY

The second of the bi-weekly card parties given under the auspices of the T.O.P.F. will be held in the "fellows" hall on Monday evening. Tables of 500 and whist were made up, the prize-winners being Mrs. Wilcott and W. Murelle and Mrs. Batstone and F. J. Wilcott, respectively. Delicious refreshments were served by the members.

DANCE

The Cowichan Chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire have decided to hold their annual fancy dress dance on January 15. Ozard's orchestra has been engaged and a good time is assured.

W. J. Goepel Came To Victoria Fifty Years Ago To-day

Fifty years of residence in Victoria was to-day completed by W. J. Goepel of 1538 Monterey Avenue, Oak Bay, for many years Deputy Minister of Finance.

Mr. Goepel arrived from England on December 16, 1875, on the steamship Salvador. He was for thirty years in the Civil Service, retiring on March 31, 1922.

Mr. and Mrs. Sturrock, 208 Mary Street, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Margaret, to Robert McKendrick Nicol, second son of Mr. and Mrs. James Nicol, Auchmountain, Equimalt. The wedding will take place in the latter part of January.

MEMBERS TOLD LABOR FAVORS EXPROPRIATION

Trades Council Sees Good Bargain in Goldstream Deal

Referendum to Ratepayers Unfair to Householders Paying Bills

Organized labor in Victoria District is largely in favor of acceptance by the Legislature of the city's Private Bill endorsing the expropriation of the Equimalt Waterworks.

A strong resolution emphasizing these opinions was unanimously adopted at the last meeting of the Trades and Labor Council. All the members of the House have been so informed in a circular letter, which is as follows:

PLEASED WITH DEAL

The Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council has unanimously endorsed the expropriation of the Equimalt Water Works for the following reasons:

"1. It believes in the municipalization of public utilities. The supply of such an essential commodity as water should be under the direct control of the elected representatives of the people.

"2. It believes that the price and the terms of the expropriation are exceptionally favorable. The price is less than the actual cash invested in the property and \$100,000.00 less than the city's own valuation of the physical assets of the company.

"3. The expropriation will make possible an all-round reduction in the cost of water to the consumers.

CLASS LEGISLATION

"The Council is opposed to the matter being referred to a vote of the property owners for the following reasons:

"1. The entire cost of Victoria's water supply system is borne by the consumers of water. Not one cent is paid by the property owners in their capacity as property owners.

"2. If the principle of the referendum is invoked in this instance the water should be to those who pay the cost and are directly affected.

"3. It is contrary to sound public policy that the exercise of the right of expropriation should be left to the Legislature on the elected representatives of the whole of the people, should be referred to a privileged class of ratepayers who do not contribute to the cost of such expropriation.

"You are respectfully reminded that the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council is the official spokesman of organized labor in the district affected and that its special concern is at all times the welfare of the working population."

YULETIDE ENJOYMENT

Do you remember the Christmas of your youth? The hanging up of stockings on Christmas Eve, the scurry in the morning to see what Santa has left, the fun with the new toys, the dinner, the games afterwards—a happy, joyous family group and you, you thought, the happiest of them all.

This year have another old-time Christmas—go home. Surround yourself with the atmosphere of your youth. You will find untold joy in the home folks and be happier yourself than if you spend Christmas any other way.

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METROPOLITAN TO FORM MEN'S CLUB

Preliminary Steps Taken at Large Meeting Held Last Night

Preliminary steps towards the formation of a men's organization in connection with the Metropolitan United Church were taken last evening at a largely attended meeting held in the Metropolitan Institute.

Rev. A. K. McMillin, associate pastor of the church, introduced the question to the meeting, expressing himself in favor of such an organization.

W. E. Harper, president of the Laymen's Association of the British Columbia Presbyterian, was elected to the chair and T. E. Hollins was elected secretary-treasurer, pro tem.

A lengthy discussion was heard as to what the aims and objects of the association would be, and it was generally felt that the body could become a great power in the city and could investigate many matters pertaining not only to the welfare of the church, but also to the city at large.

A nominating committee was appointed to present names for various offices, and another committee was appointed to draft the constitution. Both committees will report at the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 2.

POLICE ON TRAIL OF AUTO THIEVES

Suspect Men Who Drove Car Over Malahat of New Theft

A report from Duncan, reaching the detective department here to-day, stated that an automobile, owned by W. B. Crombie, St. Ann Street, Oak Bay, had been stolen while the owner was in a hotel at the up-Island town yesterday afternoon. Mr. Crombie had only just arrived at Duncan and had left his car for a short time. When he returned to look for it, it had disappeared.

Detectives here believe that this theft may have been perpetrated by the same person or persons who took the car belonging to C. L. H. Branson from outside the Dominion Hotel here last Thursday. The car was found, having been driven over the road, to the bottom of a steep declivity on the Malahat. But there were no traces of the men who took it. It is believed that they may have found their way to Duncan and taken another car, from that point to continue their journey northward.

Police have been notified along the route and a careful watch is being kept for the thieves.

LAKE HILL PUPILS GAVE FINE CONCERT

Parents, pupils and teachers joined forces to make the annual school concert of Lake Hill school an enjoyable success. The stage was prettily decorated with evergreens and formed a pretty setting for the plays and varied numbers presented by the clever young students.

The programme follows: Fairy Play, seniors, "The Lucky Page," by Roy Falkner, the page; A. Clatworthy, king; Ada Vowles, queen; May Pendray, Grace Squires and Alice Russell, princesses; John Canbray, Ian Fowler, Joe Hughes, enchanters; S. Armitage, Bille Stirrup, Eddie Brown, brownies; Eric Hetherington, Bille Pulver, pages; Hilda Dash, lady-in-waiting; Hilda Monologue, Margaret Lowe; song, Ada Vowles; "The Sandman," juniors; piano solo, Ada Vowles; "The Verses," seniors; chorus, seniors, carol, Grace Squires, Alice Russell; recitation, "Captain," Willie Brown; folk dance, Ada Vowles, Alice Russell, Hilda Dash; solo, Eric Hetherington; fairy play, "How the Fairies Choose Their Queen," juniors; drill, juniors; Indian drill and play in costume, the pupils; jokes and lancers, the pupils.

P. J. June, president of the Saanich Parent-Teacher Association, was in the chair. The moving of the stage and other necessary arrangements were in the hands of a parents committee, including Messrs. Hetherington, Danks, Bradstock, Fowler, Stirrup, Canbray and Falkner. Assistance was also rendered by the Mission Hall and Messrs. Clatworthy and Mar. The teaching in charge of arrangements were Miss Wright and Miss Allison.

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Seattle Estate is Shared in Victoria

Seattle, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Mattie A. Thomas, for thirty years a business woman here, left \$500,000, it was indicated, when her will was probated yesterday. She was the widow of John B. Thomas, a merchant and mining man in Montana. She died December 9.

Her son, John David Thomas, and her granddaughter, Kathleen Ross of Victoria, are each left one-third of the residue of the estate after beneficiaries are paid.

FOUR DIOCESES IN ENGLAND DIVIDED

London, Dec. 15.—(Canadian Press Cable).—Four large Church of England dioceses have obtained permission from Parliament to divide. Under the scheme presented by the division committee of the church, Manchester is to be divided by the formation of the diocese of Blackburn; Peterborough is to be divided by the formation of the diocese of Leicester; Southwell by the formation of Derby; and Winchester by formation of the two new dioceses of Guildford and Portsmouth.

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COVENTRY DEMANDS
TARIFF TO PROTECT
B.C. FARM OUTPUT

Asks That Canada Put up Same Tariff as That Imposed by Other Countries

Provincial legislators were called into the arena of federal politics last night when T. G. Coventry, Conservative, Saanich, moved a resolution asking the House to urge the Federal Parliament to raise the tariffs on farm products to the same basis as charged by the United States and other competing countries, including by reference, Australia, Mr. Coventry and J. A. Cathwood of Dewdney spoke for the resolution and then Chris McRae, Vancouver Liberal member, adjourned the debate.

Mr. Coventry pointed out that prairie farmers vastly outnumbered the farmers of British Columbia and that views on the tariff diametrically opposite to the interests of the British Columbia growers of fruits, vegetables and small stuff. The British Columbia farmers were subject to heavy competition from the United States and Mexico, he claimed, particularly in regard to fruits and vegetables.

The member deplored the change in the anti-dumping clause made in 1922, saying that since then an important protective measure for the British Columbia growers had been missing and many districts had suffered very heavily from the large importations of American vegetables and other products. He cited comparative figures of imports and exports, as proof that the balance was heavily against this Province. He dealt with the fruit, vegetable, butter and egg situations each separately and declared that the Dominion election, when only one rural riding in British Columbia remained in the Liberal column, showed the nature of public sentiment. He complimented Hon. E. D. Barrow, Minister of Agriculture, on his efforts in behalf of the farmers, but claimed the tariff situation offset all his good efforts. Mr. Cathwood dealt especially with Australian treaty saying that in allowing an eighteen-cent duty on eggs to remain against Canada the negotiators of the treaty had evidently not even asked for fair play.

WHEEL CHAIR FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT

Show People Anxious to Play Role of Venerable Santa Claus

While some young men in Victoria on Christmas Day are unpacking parcels containing hockey skates, football boots, sporting rifles or some other present which healthy young men look for, there is one young man in the city who will be looking for something entirely different.

All he asks is a new wheel chair. With his legs dangling helplessly and his spine injured, David Fraser is forced to spend all his waking moments in a wheel chair and his present chair has seen better days. Dave, as all the theatrical people know him, in spite of his disability has an energetic mind. He likes to be traveling and he likes action; but traveling is hard work under present conditions.

The show people of the city have taken it upon themselves with William Hansen, publicity man and entertainer, as organizer to raise the money for the chair. They have staged one concert but the proceeds were not enough. "Now," in Hansen's own words, "we are putting on a big show at the Coliseum Sunday night. Members of the Coliseum and Playhouse companies will take part in the performance. Tom Or Frank Merryfield, Bert Hunt, R. C. Pemberton and some other well known local artists have offered their services. There will be a full orchestra."

Mr. Hansen will sing William Campbell's popular song "The Dream Girl" which has recently been accepted by a well-known New York firm of song publishers.

Peace River to Have a Colony of Danish Farmers

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Foundation of a Danish farming colony of some 800 families with holdings of 40,000 acres in the Peace River district of Alberta is the plan of L. T. Romer of Copenhagen, who was here yesterday on his way west to look over the ground.

The proposal involves a capitalization of \$200,000. The land to be settled is swamp, and will be drained. It will be bought at \$1.25 an acre, and will cost \$1 an acre to reclaim. It will be divided into fifty-acre farms.

EDMONTON ELECTION
Edmonton, Dec. 15.—It was only after eight counts had been made in the proportional representation plan that the personnel of the 1925 City Council and School Board of Edmonton was decided at 3 a.m. today. The City Government League elected four aldermen: J. M. Douglas, Dr. P. A. Kellier, A. C. Sloan and C. G. Robson, and the Labor candidate, James East, J. W. Finlay and Alfred Farmilo, were successful.

INCREASING INCOME TAX
Melbourne, Dec. 15.—(Canadian Press Cable via Reuters).—After debate during which vigorous opposition was offered to the proposal, the Assembly yesterday passed by 31 to 28 the third reading of the bill providing increases in the income tax, whereby it is expected to raise an additional £167,000 from individuals and £210,000 from companies.

GOVERNMENT WINS
OUT IN EFFORT TO
BUILD NEW HOUSES

Opposition Fails in Last-minute Attempt to Kill University Building Scheme

Last-minute efforts to stop the Provincial Government from starting a house-building programme on the new B.C. University subdivision at Point Grey failed in the Legislature yesterday when the Opposition forced an unexpected division on the question. The Government's legislation, empowering it to loan money to home-builders, was sustained by a vote of 26 to 18.

R. H. Pooley, Opposition leader, forced a vote without comment when the legislation covering the university housing scheme came up for third reading. He asked the bill to be reprinted and requested a formal division on his motion that the clause giving the Government power to extend housing loans be deleted.

D. A. Stoddart and George Walker, Provincial, supported the Opposition, while Major R. J. Burde, Independent, Mr. McC. Fraser, Freeholder, R. H. Neelands, Thomas Uphill and F. A. Browne, Labor, voted with the Government in favor of the housing loans.

CONSERVATIVES ARE SILENT AS MACLEAN EXPLAINS TAX PLAN

Minister Says New Taxation Act Changes Designed to Make Levies More Even

Nearly All Alterations Are Reductions; Defends Plan to Tax Fish Products

Second reading was obtained last night in the Legislature by Hon. J. D. MacLean, Finance Minister, for his Taxation Act amendments without a word of Opposition comment for or against.

The Minister explained the nature of each of the various changes in detail, commenting that in almost every case the changes were in the form of reductions.

The new tax to be imposed on the companies reducing fish into fish meal and fish oil, he said, has been worked out as a whole, but is not on the raw material, which was being applied in the Act specifically as \$125 a ton on the fish meal or fish oil. This new industry utilizing a raw material considered to be the property of the people as a whole should be taxed the same as the mining and lumbering industries, which are required to pay royalties to the people for the materials they are allowed to take away, he said.

The relief afforded to companies paying taxes on the interest they had to pay on borrowed capital was the result of recognition that this was an unfair levy against many concerns, he stated, and read from representations made before him by such bodies as the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern B.C. and the Vancouver Board of Trade. Even where the Province, he said, it had been decided to cut the tax in half as the measure was discouraging the investment of foreign capital in the Province, not a beneficial result, he stated.

In order to collect revenue from big concerns having branch houses in the Province which did not make a profit here all profits being earned at the head office, Dr. MacLean announced that a two per cent tax on gross earnings would be levied.

GROSS EARNINGS
In the case of certain big corporations whose method of bookkeeping did not enable them to ascertain how much of their profits were earned in any one Province, the Minister stated that a tax on the gross earnings not to exceed two per cent had also been decided on.

An important concession to family men paying income tax was the addition of father-in-law and mother-in-law as dependents in behalf of whom exemption is allowed in the Province way as exemption is allowed for other closer relatives dependent on the taxpayer.

A curious oversight in the Act was also corrected in this year's amendments, Dr. MacLean stated. Heretofore if a taxpayer inadvertently paid too much taxes the Province had no power to make a refund. Such power is given in the bill now before the House.

Contest Among Relatives Now For Hungarian Throne

Budapest, Dec. 15.—Rumors of an impending coup in favor of Archduke Albert, which have been causing uneasiness in the cabinets of the Austrian succession states have become intensified by the announcement that Count Albert, a young, veteran leader of the Hungarian Legitimist Party, addressed a letter to Archduke, demanding an unequivocal declaration of his intentions. He has received no reply as yet. This generally is taken in political circles to mean Archduke Albert is merely waiting for a favorable moment to declare himself against the right of succession of Archduke Otto, eldest son of the late Emperor Charles, and to urge his own claim to the Hungarian throne.

CANADIAN PRESS IS
SUED FOR \$110,000

Claim Made by C. E. Campbell, Publisher of The Edmonton Bulletin

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The Canadian Press has been served with a writ issued by Charles E. Campbell, publisher of The Edmonton Bulletin, claiming damages totalling \$110,000, service having been made in Calgary on its president, J. H. Woods, as he stepped off a train on his return from the East, according to a message received at the head office of the Canadian Press here.

The basis of the claim purports to be that the Canadian Press became party to a conspiracy whereby Mr. Campbell, having purchased The Edmonton Bulletin on October 10 last, had been wrongfully refused a membership in the Canadian Press and refused also its news service. Mr. Campbell claims that owing to these alleged illegal acts he was unable to commence publication of The Bulletin on October 15 last, that he thus lost large revenues, and was put to heavy expense in wages, salaries and rent for which he had contracted. Mr. Campbell further claims that the Canadian Press had conspired with the Canadian Press and John Imrie, managing director of The Edmonton Bulletin, to defame him by alleged to be parties to the conspiracy.

INTERIM SERVICE
Mr. Campbell further claims Mr. Woods, acting as president of the Canadian Press, had conspired with the question of an interim morning paper news service, and presented to him terms which were unreasonable and which were not intended to be a basis for negotiation.

Mr. Campbell would refuse to accept them. Mr. Campbell further alleges that Mr. Woods and Mr. Imrie conspired with each other and with the Canadian Press to prevent him receiving from the Canadian Press the membership and a preliminary discussion had been held with Mr. Campbell concerning the basis upon which this should be done.

NO REPLY RECEIVED
An appointment had been made and agreed to by Mr. Campbell for a further discussion to be held in Toronto on Monday, November 30, with a view to concluding such arrangements. Mr. Campbell had not kept the appointment, nor had he replied to a telegram that had been sent to him at Edmonton on that date intimating that the preliminary service he had requested could be secured by him. Mr. Campbell, on December 2, had started publication of the evening paper in Edmonton and subsequently had issued the writ.

Mr. Livesey further stated The Edmonton Bulletin had ceased publication on or about June 15, 1925, and its membership had automatically lapsed under the by-laws of the corporation.

Lumber Mills in Montana Burned

Butte, Mont., Dec. 15.—Two fires yesterday caused losses of \$155,000 in lumber mills at Rocker and Poison, Montana. The Anaconda Mining Company's timber plant at Rocker was destroyed, and a loss of \$110,000. The Dewey Mining Company's new saw and planing mills at Poison, were burned with a loss estimated at \$115,000. The losses are covered by insurance.

Missing Young Man is Found

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—William Charles Macdonald, said to be the son of the Deputy Controller of Military Accounts at the Indian District, Tabore, India, whose whereabouts have been sought by his parents for some time, has been reported to the Vancouver police that he is in here. According to advices from India, Macdonald came to Canada last year to take up farming and was last heard of in Ladak, Alberta.

Spotton Appeals In North Huron

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Mr. Justice Mowat yesterday afternoon gave George Spotton, Conservative candidate in North Huron in the Federal general election, the right to appeal the decision of Mr. Justice Wright in declaring J. W. King, the Progressive candidate, elected.

Paris Pedestrians To Fight Chauffeurs

Paris, Dec. 15.—Paris pedestrians form Pedestrians' Protective Association sworn to smash "tires" on the 10,000 free citizens of Paris, and will work to smash laws to bring guilty automobile drivers to justice.

BEDTIME STORY

Uncle Wiggily and the Snow Marks

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By Howard R. Garis

During the night, after Uncle Wiggily had reached home at his hollow stump bungalow, Jack Frost, sent down to earth from the gray clouds floating above it, many white snow flakes. They sifted down to the ground and covered it from sight. The snow was over the brown earth, the green grass and the dried leaves.

"Oh, hurry!" cried Scooter, one of Uncle Wiggily's little rabbit boys, as he awakened early and looked from the window. "Hurry! It's snowing and I'm going to get out my sled and have a coast before school!"

"So am I!" shouted Toots. And then, true to his name, Scooter scooted out of doors, hardly waiting to dress himself. And Toots, true to his name, went footling around like a locomotive until he found the sled. Soon the two little rabbits were having great fun on a little hill behind the hollow stump bungalow.

All of a sudden Scooter, who had coasted down the hill much farther than he had yet gone, jumped off his sled and cried to his brother: "Look at these funny snow marks!"

"What do you mean by snow marks?" asked Toots, hopping to where Scooter stood.

"I mean marks in the snow," went on Scooter. "Look, somebody has been walking about here. I guess it must have been Jackie and Peetie. How Wow. They got up earlier than we did and they're over that way," and Scooter pointed in the direction taken by the snow marks.

"Let's follow after them and see what they're doing," suggested Toots.

"All right," agreed his brother. "We'll have time before school. But maybe we'd better not call Daddy because Uncle Wiggily, he might like to look at the snow marks."

"That's what we'll do," said Toots. So into the bungalow they hopped just as Mr. Longears was coming downstairs to breakfast.

"My, but you boys were up early!" cried the old bunny gentleman. "Well, that's what I like to see!"

"Well, you ought to come out and see what we saw!" cried Toots. "Snow marks!" added Scooter. "They're marks made in the snow by the paws of Jackie and Peetie. How Wow, our dog friends. We're going to follow the marks and find Jackie and Peetie and have fun."

"And we invite you to come with us," spoke Toots politely.

"Are you sure those marks in the snow are the prints of the paws of Jackie and Peetie?" asked Uncle Wiggily, twinkling his pink nose.

"Oh, yes, of course!" said Toots. "Well, all right, I'll come with you," said Uncle Wiggily.

Without waiting for his breakfast, the rabbit gentleman hopped out of doors with the two little bunnies. They pointed out the snow marks and began to follow them. Uncle Wiggily hopping slowly behind.

Then suddenly Toots cried: "I see a tall waving ever like the tracks of a Fox, but you must learn to tell the difference, or you may make a Christmas dinner for Mr. Fox."

It was well that the little bunnies had not gone far from the bungalow, following the snow marks. Indeed, Uncle Wiggily would not have let them go into danger. And no sooner had they turned to run back than the Fuzzy Fox, waiting over the edge of the hill, turned and ran after them. But he did not catch them.

"Uncle Wiggily is too smart for me, else I should have had two little bunnies for my breakfast," growled the Government arbitrator bill by deleting provisions aimed at automatic deregistration of the loyalist unions formed during the strike of 1917 and abolishing penalties for strikes.

FOUR WORKMEN KILLED
San Francisco, Dec. 15.—A side wall of the Peerless Welding Works on Mission Street, a one-story building, collapsed without warning late yesterday into an excavation alongside, crushing four men to death. The men were lined up under tons of brick and water.

PENALTIES ABOLISHED
Sydney, Australia, Dec. 15.—(Canadian Press Cable via Reuters).—Following the recent defeat by 22 to 12 of the Labor Government's proposal giving preferences to trade

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THE PACIFIC GREAT EASTERN

UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT FURNISHES full details of its proposal regarding the Pacific Great Eastern Railway system, it is impossible to discuss the measure which the Premier introduced in the Legislature yesterday except from the standpoint of the principle involved. His proposal in broad terms is to find a buyer for the line and to offer 20,000 acres of land per mile of railway free as an inducement. The value of such a grant, of course, would vary under a number of circumstances that are at present wholly dependent upon the future of the road.

First and foremost is the imperative necessity of getting rid of the road on terms that will reduce the public liability. It is only too apparent that if the system is to remain in our hands we will either have to make large expenditures for renewals and equipment, as well as costly extensions, or, perhaps drop the project altogether. It is thus a case of disposing of the property on the best terms obtainable. Whether the provisions of the Premier's bill rest on the soundest economic basis, under the circumstances, will not be revealed until more of the details have been explained.

It can be said at this stage, however, that the principle of disposing of the line with an inducement making for the colonization of large tracts of land at present unproductive—that will not produce until provided with an efficient transportation service—is obviously a sound one. Some years ago the Conservative Government virtually made a present of thousands of acres of the choicest lands to speculators, most of whom were resident in the United States, and it was not until the present Administration amended the Land Settlement Act that any of these areas could be developed at all. Between the two policies there is no comparison.

There are undoubtedly millions of acres along the railway at present in operation and additional millions along the originally proposed right-of-way that ought to be providing a living for thousands of people. In its present condition the line is very little incentive to enterprise. The point to be decided, therefore, is, would the general policy advocated by the Premier—assuming it attracted a buyer—result in the completion of the line and a volume of settlement sufficient to justify the free grant of land?

This appears to us to be the crux of the situation and the point upon which the Legislature should endeavor to arrive at a dispassionate judgment. Digging up the railway's political skeletons at this stage will get us nowhere. The proposal now before the legislators demands their undivided attention. In the trading account of British Columbia the Pacific Great Eastern represents the difference between a profit and a loss as far as the public business of the Province is concerned. Its future must be discussed intelligently.

THE PRIZE BILL

THE PRIZE FOR INTRODUCING THE bill embodying the most pleasing features so far goes to the Minister of Finance. Reductions of personal property and income taxes are steps in the right direction, and we hope the Minister will continue the good work next session. Lowering taxation to encourage the development of industry, thereby creating fresh centres of economic strength, is the primary objective of most progressive governments to-day. This is the best way to stimulate private initiative and investment, which, experience shows, is a much more effective means of building up the country than government adventures in industrial enterprises. We may assume that other sources of revenue which will not press so heavily upon the taxpayers will be found to make up the loss the reductions the Minister proposes will involve.

WILL HE OPEN HIS STOCKING

THERE ARE NOT MANY DEPTHS LEFT for the French franc to plumb. It required 134.10 of them to equal the value of the pound sterling in Paris yesterday, and 27.63 to buy a dollar. Small wonder that the mind of the average Frenchman is exercised these days. For the franc to do the disappearing act seven years after the war was not even expected by those who recognized that ancient methods of thrift are of very little practical value as long as the state does not take advantage of the results.

The modern economist and financier tells us that the stocking bank is a thing of the past—that practical thrift is clever spending. Circumstances affect the weight of the statement. Human equation enters into it. Speculation, for instance, leaves the French peasant quite cold. He clings to the tangible and is contented and happy in actual possession. There is something of the hoarder in him, with simple faith instead of cunning his guiding impulse. He is to-day as he has been for the last century. The war has not disturbed traditional habits. His savings are in the stocking while the franc is approaching the condition in which the German mark once found itself.

Government after Government has tried to cut the string and get its hand on the much-needed coin; but in vain.

Little does the peasant realize that his money may lose its value completely because he has neither used it for himself nor for his country. He is at the present time faced with the necessity to spend to save his savings—one of the paradoxes of after-war conditions. Britain began to pay for her share in the war at once. If the French taxpayer is to escape serious consequences, he will have to open his stocking fairly wide before very long.

THE CIVIL SERVICE

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE OPPOSITION attack upon the salary of the Civil Service Commissioner plainly is the retirement of that officer and the abolition of the present system of civil service control. Hugging the delusion—arising from a curious compound of over-confidence and political inexperience—that in some way not apparent to the ordinary mind their party soon will be sitting on the treasury benches, certain Conservative members are anxious to get rid of the Civil Service Commissioner in the brief meantime. They want to have the flesh-pots wide open for "the day."

Hostility to the present system and the officer charged with its direction is not confined to the Opposition side of the House. A certain element in the Government ranks would like to get rid of both, and restore the old uncontrolled patronage system. We suggest to both parties that the general public, eighty per cent. of which is neither hide-bound Liberal nor hide-bound Tory, if it is essentially Liberal or Tory at all, is not sympathetic with the patronage aspirations of either side. It wants the merit system in connection with civil service appointments and promotions fairly and generously administered.

If such administration is impossible under the existing law, then change the law. If the Commissioner is not qualified to administer the law, change the Commissioner; but the Commissioner should not be held responsible for the defects of either the law or Government policy. Why not call the Commissioner before the Public Accounts Committee for examination? Has the average member ever delved into the details of our civil service administration? If he has not he is not qualified to discuss it in the House. Let us hear what the Commissioner has to say in his own defence.

FINANCIERS ARE OPTIMISTIC

THIS IS THE SEASON WHEN THE chartered banks of this country hold their annual meetings and tell the country how business has been during the year and offer suggestions of what may be expected in the twelve months ahead of them. Three or four of these important institutions already have published their reports, which show that, without exception, they are facing the future with undiminished optimism. In fact Sir Vincent Meredith, president of the Bank of Montreal, pointed to the reason for this highly satisfactory outlook when he addressed the annual meeting in Montreal the other day and said that Canada's trade for the seven months of the present fiscal year—up to October 31—was "nearly fifty per cent. in excess of the record four years ago."

Now, the leading bankers of this country have nothing to gain by telling their shareholders and the general public fascinating fairy tales. Men engaged in the financial world take their business very seriously. They are not moved by every political wind that blows. Hard facts, not fiction, constitute an important part of their dealings. There would thus be no point in Sir Vincent Meredith, or any other equally well-known banking authority, seriously declaring that this Dominion's enormous growth of trade during the last four years is a hopeful augury for the future if he did not believe such to be the case. It is pleasant, by the way, to read the cheerful pronouncements of these financiers after the overdose of manufactured gloom which Conservative speakers and newspapers administered to the country during the recent Federal election campaign.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

RULE OF THUMB

From The Los Angeles Times
People are wondering how Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews knows that his wonderful dinosaur eggs are 10,000,000 years old. The explanation seems to be simple: He had something definite to Gobi.

A GLORIOUS PLACE

Correspondent in The Belfast Telegraph
Western Canada in harvest is a glorious place, and at once a reminder of the promise of old, that while the earth remaineth seed time and harvest shall never fail. To travel the prairies in August and September is an education and an experience that fill one with cheer and hope in a world that is so unsettled and oftentimes thankless for its mercies. Statistics are wearying, and instead of a bare recital of bushels and dollars and recording of the fact that this year's crop is the third largest in history will suffice, for it has only been eclipsed in 1915 and 1923.

WORDS OF WISE MEN

Anger and jealousy can no more bear to lose sight of their objects than love. —George Eliot.

If you speak insults, you will hear them also. —Plautus.

Language is the only instrument of science, and words are but the signs of ideas. —Johnson.

The more haste, ever the worst speed. —Churchill.

Death presses heavily on that man who, being but too well known to others, dies in ignorance of himself. —Seneca.

How quickly nature's gifts into revolt.
When gold becomes her object! —Shakespeare.

Other People's Views

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DR. MILLER'S RESIGNATION

To the Editor:—At the Saniah Council meeting held at Royal Oak last Friday, a resolution calling on the medical health officer, Dr. R. L. Miller, to resign his position was confirmed, ostensibly because the doctor's charges for professional services were too high, but in reality for the reason that he had sent the council a report on the Saniah Health Centre without being requested to do so.

At the reasons assigned for this action did not appeal to me as justifiable cause, I determined to do a little investigating on my own account, and in order to get some first-hand information, I attended a meeting held at Marigold on December 10, for the purpose of discussing the said Health Centre.
At this meeting it was freely acknowledged that the Health Centre had rendered a very valuable service in the past; that, under its present control it was very doubtful indeed if the institution could be made to function economically, so that its real benefit might accrue to the community that would justify its existence, and, secondly, that the Health Centre was not a municipal institution, but a private one, and that there were hopes that if the institution were municipalized, i.e., if the complete control were taken in hand by the municipality, a practical solution as to its utility possibilities might be found. With this end in view a resolution was passed unanimously suggesting that the Health Centre be placed under the control of the municipality, and that the Health Centre be placed under the control of the municipality, and that the Health Centre be placed under the control of the municipality.

I also attended the council meeting held at Royal Oak on December 11, and although Dr. Miller gave a very comprehensive explanation in reply to the charges levelled at him, pointing out in the first instance that he was duly authorized by the Provincial Health Act to submit reports on all questions pertaining to health, and in his official capacity it was distinctly his duty to do so further, he most convincingly refuted the overcharge accusation by complete detail and comparison of accounts for services rendered, showing that he had only charged approximately half the ordinary professional fees where accounts were rendered, and in a great many instances, no charge whatever was made for major operations and other attendance. Although the council was unable to challenge a single statement which he made, it still demands his resignation. The Reeves tried to defend his attitude by the trivial and childish statement that Dr. Miller should remember that he is a servant of the council, and that he is not to be held responsible for the financial accounts caused more trouble than any or all other accounts; he never, however, faced this statement to the doctor by word or letter, and his statement seems all the more peculiar when it is noted that the difference between Dr. Miller's charges and the former incumbent were not over \$11.37 per month, and further the charges were based upon the arrangement entered into and determined by the council.

The Reeves also stated that he would not assume the responsibility of refusing medical attention to any indigent, but apparently he would like to appear the good fellow if Dr. Miller would do the work without charge.

The whole matter might be summed up as follows: Simply because Dr. Miller was big enough and manly enough to perform his duty without fear or favor, and to make a statement that seems to have been unpalatable to some members of the council, he must be ostracized. But I respectfully suggest that Dr. Miller is to be commended for his action, which he conscientiously believes to be in the best interest of the ratepayers, and before his services are summarily dispensed with, an independent committee of ratepayers should be appointed to go into this whole matter and the doctor given an opportunity of defending himself without prejudice.

J. LEWIS JACOB.

3011 Millgrove Street, Victoria.

Canadian Questions and Answers

CANADA'S FISH PRODUCTION

Q. What is Canada's fish production?
A. Canada's fish production increased by nearly \$2,000,000 in 1924 over 1923. The total value of the catch was \$42,565,545 in 1923 and \$44,565,545 in 1924. The 1924 salmon pack was the largest on record, and British Columbia led the provinces in value of production.

CANADA AND THE OPIUM TREATY

Q. What is Canada's connection with the opium treaty?
A. Canada was the first country to ratify the opium treaty drawn up under the League of Nations and framed by a committee of the League. It represents the first international agreement to curtail and control the growing traffic in deleterious drugs that is claiming an ever-increasing number of victims.

STANDARD TIME

Q. What is standard time?
A. Standard time is divided into the following during the year. Summer time having been adopted by only a few cities. Standard time is used throughout Canada in five divisions—each an hour earlier than that to its eastward—according to degrees of longitude: Atlantic, 66-70; Eastern, 70-75; Central, 75-90; Mountain, 90-105; Pacific, 105 and westward. When it is noon at Halifax it is 11 a.m. at Toronto, 10 a.m. at Winnipeg, 9 a.m. at Calgary, and 8 a.m. at Vancouver. When it is noon at London, England, it is 7 a.m. at Montreal.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast for the week ending December 21, 1925.
The weather is expected to be generally clear with light winds and moderate temperatures.

Reports

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SHEEP INDUSTRY ON ISLAND NEGLECTED

Most Profitable Branch of Agriculture, Says Visitor

Great Future For Men Who Place Hardy Stock Here

D. J. Henderson, a sheep-breeder from Perthshire, Scotland, has been a visitor in the city for some days. He is a true example of the man with an inherited understanding of his calling, his father being the proprietor of a large sheep farm in a country famous for the varieties of sheep which are capable of extracting good revenues from the hilly and more barren parts of the British Isles.

Mr. Henderson has spent some weeks in Montana and is looking over the B. C. country in the Cariboo district and elsewhere. He has made up his mind that this province is going to suit him for more extensive sheep raising.

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Quick action on the part of the city department early quelled the flames. The firemen worked feverishly in an effort to prevent the spread of the fire, which had taken good hold before they arrived.

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Crops Must be Protected,
House Told by Agricultural
Representatives

Sportsmen and Farmers Try
to Reach Agreement; Game
Act Drastically Changed

Bold pheasants, which stand charged with the wanton destruction of agricultural crops at many places in British Columbia, strutted into the political arena again yesterday when the Legislature sought for an hour and a half for a way of controlling them. Representatives of agricultural districts led by T. G. Coventry, Saanich; Colonel Cyrus Peck, V.C., The Islands; J. A. Catherwood, Dewdney, and A. D. Patterson, Delta, came out last night for a law under which farmers could shoot pheasants without hindrance if they were found to be destroying crops. Other members opposed this plan on the ground that it would lead to the depletion of pheasants. In the end it was decided that the two sides should get together to-morrow and draft a compromise measure which would satisfy everyone. Thus farmers appear assured of some assistance in their fight to protect their crops from the depredations of pheasants, as well as quail and Hungarian partridges.

Discussion of the pheasant menace was provoked by Attorney-General Manson's amendments to the Game Act, which were dealt with harshly by the House. Before they emerged from committee they had been mangled.

Protests of farmers against the existing law, under which they claim it is difficult to shoot pheasants, reached a climax when Premier Oliver, speaking as a farmer, declared emphatically: "I tell you there are laws on the statute books which are entitled to all the disrespect a man can give them. When I have reclaimed a piece of land from the sea or from the forest and have made it tillable I propose to do with what is on that soil as I see fit."

QUAIL ATTACKED, TOO
This was the sentiment of the other farmers. Mr. Coventry and Colonel Peck declared that the farmers of the Saanich Peninsula required protection from "various game birds and Mr. Coventry sponsored an amendment to the Game Act by which quail would be placed in the same category as pheasants. This was to implement Mr. Catherwood's proposal that farmers be allowed to shoot pheasants without license and without reporting each bird they killed. This reform, Mr. Catherwood said, was necessary because farmers found it difficult, and sometimes impossible, to get licenses to shoot the birds which were digging up their crops.

"The farmers of the country must have consideration," urged Colonel Peck, and Attorney-General Manson agreed that when a choice had to be made between farmers and sportsmen the farmers must be favored. He did not favor so drastic a scheme as proposed by Mr. Catherwood, however.

FARMERS HOUSED
"I warn you that the pheasant menace in some districts is getting so bad that if something is not done the farmers will take the law into their own hands," said C. P. Devlin, of Cowichan-Newcastle. He complained that some farmers had been unable to get pheasant permits.

"The pheasants and quail do a great deal of harm," said Mr. Coventry. "They must be kept down. Where they are not doing actual damage you may be assured that they will not be slaughtered unnecessarily, as the farmers will protect for their own sport. It won't do any harm whatever to give them power to shoot the birds."

W. A. McKenzie, of Huxham, told the House how the Hungarian partridges of his district ruin crops of cantaloupes and urged that they be made subject to shooting by farmers.

R. H. Pooley, Opposition leader, warned against obliterating the pheasants, but agreed that the farmers must be protected, even to the extent of poisoning the birds if necessary.

Premier Oliver suggested that blanket licenses to shoot pheasants should be issued in the pheasant-ridden districts—a scheme which seemed likely to be adopted in the end.

DOGS CHAMPIONED
Dogs found warm champions in several parts of the House when a clause in the Game Act amendments empowering game wardens to shoot dogs in game areas in the summer season was read. Action on this section was postponed. Cats fared badly, however. Mr. Manson explained that the proposal regarding dogs also applied to cats. When he asked what the House wanted to do about cats he received a thundering reply—"Kill 'em." This was the death sentence of cats found hunting birds in the summer season in game areas.

"A man would have to be a walking arsenal to obey this law and still go shooting," was the dry comment of Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines and veteran sportsman, on the clause forbidding the shooting of deer with a shotgun or birds with a rifle. "A lot of men can't afford to carry around two guns when they go out into the woods," he added, and the House promptly killed the offending section.

The section forbidding the firing of any firearm on a public highway was amended and made to apply only to unorganized districts, following protests by A. O. Cochrane, of North Okanagan.

MANSION AND TWIG CLASH
At one stage in the proceedings Mr. Manson ran into violent conflict with H. T. Twigg, Conservative. "Victory," Mr. Twigg complained that whenever a member asked a simple question Mr. Manson felt called upon to launch forth into an oration.

Mr. Manson sprang to his feet on a point of order, exclaiming: "He

has no right to be impudent, though I care nothing for his impudence." "I care less for the impudence of the Attorney-General," remarked Mr. Twigg, and the incident ended peacefully.

HOUSE PAUSES TO HEAR LEGENDS OF GREAT QUAT-E-ANT

Strange Monster Roams Al-
berni Country Protecting
Indians, Burde Avers

New Law to Protect Restless
Spirit's Strange Rock
Carvings From Vandals

With a large Indian stone
carving propped in the middle
of the floor to provide them
with an insight into such mys-

terious matters, members of the Legislature yesterday plunged into the lore of the Pacific Coast Indians when the "McKelvie Bill," designed to protect historical treasures, was explained by Hon. William Sloan, Provincial Secretary. Mr. Sloan's explanation was assisted by Major R. J. Burde of Alberni, who in a lofty flight of fancy gave the House the "Indian facts" of the Indian's life story.

Mr. Sloan declared that British Columbia possessed a priceless heritage in its Indian relics. The stone carvings found at many places in the Province and attributed to a race which lived thousands of years before the present Indians, he said, were particularly valuable and had attracted the attention of historians all over the world. At many places, he said, these carvings had been defaced by the carving of initials and other marks. The McKelvie Bill, suggested by R. A. McKelvie, Grand Master of the Native Sons of B.C., would provide heavy penalties for such vandalism, he stated. The Indian writings, he said, had baffled scientists who had sought vainly to read them.

This brought Major Burde to his feet in loud protest. He declared that Mr. Sloan evidently didn't know

much about the Indians. "Why," he said, "the Indians in my district can read these pictures. The Indians tell me that these pictures were carved on the rocks by the old spirit Quat-e-ant, who used to wander around in the moonlight writing signs which would protect his people. These carvings depict the natural enemies of the Indians. You will note that most of them picture the whale, which was the natives' particular terror. Whenever Al Tahlan today sees a whale carved on a rock he knows there are whales around there and he is careful to avoid them."

"To-day the Indians of my country will not paddle a canoe on Great Central Lake because one of the old Indians up there convinced them that whales are. And in any lake when an Indian sees one of these stone pictures on the bank his paddle is motionless in fear. If he should chance to see a ripple on the water he flees to the shore and rushes away through the woods."

R. H. Pooley, Opposition leader, agreed that the historical relics of the Province must be protected from vandals and he supported the McKelvie Bill, which was given second reading.

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FRUIT GROWERS GET MORE HELP

Fruit growers of the British Columbia Interior secured new assistance in meeting their irrigation charges under amendments to the Water Act inserted in the Legislature last night at the request of A. O. Cochrane, of North Okanagan, and accepted by Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands. In addition to the concessions already made to the fruit growers the Water Act now provides that there must be two years' arrears due on a piece of land before it can be sold for taxes. A sixty-day redemption period is provided, this clause forcing the Government to send a registered notice to an owner sixty days ahead of a tax sale involving his property. The third important change provides that no water license shall be cancelled without a hearing before the Board of Investigation.

TARIFF ON RAZORS

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A very enjoyable evening was spent on Monday by a large gathering of about 200 parents and friends of Cranleigh House School, the chief features of the evening being four excellent boxing bouts by the boys, refereed by their instructor, Mr. Fullman. Rev. A. E. de L. Nunn was called to the fore.

The headmaster, C. V. Milton, in a brief address gave a short history of the past year's work. The school has filled up to within one of its limit number at the end of its limit of its existence. The work had gone ahead and again this year their one candidate for B.C. matriculation had passed with good marks. Last year the school had an excellent football season, the training of the field having allowed games to be played throughout the winter. A challenge cup for football was presented by Mrs. Milton, was won by N. Martin's Monarchs.

On the cricket field they had been unbeaten throughout the season and had won all but three drawn games. This had been the school's first year of tennis. They had won all their matches. The senior cup was won by N. Martin, while M. Pemberton was the holder of the junior cup presented by Mrs. Walman. Mr. Milton thanked the parents for their generous help through the year, mentioning the handsome radio set given by Mr. Genge, and the various donations received for the gymnasium fund.

In the boxing the first bout between two beginners, M. Ross and T. McPherson, ended in a draw, both midges showing promising form. A.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

An unusually active and prosperous day may be expected from the auspicious planetary rulership, both by lunar and mutual configurations. With the greater fortunes in dominant positions and the so-called malefics of first rank in friendly and powerful attitude, all affairs should react in substantial growth, with increase of money and expanding business. The favorable stimulus to initiative should be taken advantage of, and the day should be one of radical departures in business, travel, employment or adventure are encouraged.

Those whose birthday it is should have an excellent year before them for launching out into new adventures and enterprises. There is augury of success, initiative, increased business and finances, as well as fresh opportunities in employment and business. The day should be steady, persevering and enterprising and should make money and rise to good position in life.

Cedar Hill Club—At the weekly 500 tournament given by the Cedar Hill Social Club, the prize-winners were: First table, Mr. C. H. Mann, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Hurley, Mr. R. Wells; second table, Mrs. Tucker, Miss Somers, Mr. Tucker, Mr. J. McCormick; ten bid prize, Mr. H. Stokes and Mr. Simpson. The next tournament will take place on Thursday, December 17, at 8:30 p.m.

Welcome Gift—Send a Canadian National Express money order this Christmas. On sale 511 Government Street and 405-Victoria Street.

Welcome Club—The Welcome Club will meet on Thursday, December 17, at the Y.W.C.A., supper at 8 o'clock. This will be the Christmas evening and Miss Tolson will be in charge. Miss Brooks has kindly consented to give a missionary talk, and as this will probably be the last meeting until after the New Year, it is hoped that all members will be present, and help to make this a profitable evening.

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"The committee recommends that the old principle of soliciting subscriptions be renewed, as it is felt that many might be glad to donate to our funds were they reminded of our good work and our need of increased revenue."

This recommendation for the financing of the Protestant Orphan Home was made by Mr. J. A. Sayward in his annual presidential report, given at the annual meeting at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. His report continued: "Our finances are in a state to be favorably compared with last year. Although our income for 1924 came to \$200, less than those of 1924, our receipts in the form of legacies and bequests amount to only \$77.12, as against more than \$1,000 last year. While the total collection this year had been gratifying in its results, the income from all sources has been scarcely sufficient to meet the requirements of the year, and a return to the old system of soliciting subscriptions."

GYROS OFFER

Mr. Sayward expressed the appreciation of the committee for the offer made by a number of the Gyros to clear sufficient land at the Home to establish a playground. He also voiced the gratitude of the committee for the splendid assistance and co-operation of the ladies.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A. R. Wolfenden, the treasurer, reported income during 1925, totaling \$10,253.11, included \$1,490.80 balance on hand at the beginning of the year. General receipts, amounting to \$4,374.71, comprised \$1,440.55 in sundry donations, \$193.12 in subscriptions, \$1,714.56 maintenance fees, \$1,318.45 tag day collections, and certain rentals and interest on mortgages, bonds, etc.

WELCOME REQUEST

The welcome announcement was made by the treasurer that since making up his statement, the home had received a legacy of \$2,900 from the Jenks estate.

The ladies' committee gave an encouraging report, showing the good work carried on at the home. "Our monthly donations are very generous, and the public responded in a very gratifying way to the day of party and the tag day," acknowledged the report, which added the name of Mr. Pollard, the music master, to the several who had already received the thanks of the committee. Church union has opened the question as to whether some change in the by-laws may not be needed, as owing to the amalgamation of Methodist and Congregationalists and a branch of the Presbyterians, the six denominations represented in the ladies' committee of twenty-four has now been reduced to five. An amendment to the by-laws will be necessary before any extension of the committee can be made which will give an equal representation to each of the five denominations. The matter will come up at the next meeting.

BOARD ELECTED

The board of management was elected as follows: Mr. J. A. Sayward, Mr. Reginald Hayward, Mr. A. R. Wolfenden, Rev. Dr. W. L. Clay, Rev. A. de B. Owen, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, Messrs. Arthur Lee, W. Sowercroft, Hawkins, Richards, William Spencer and W. S. Fraser. Immediately after the annual meeting the board met and re-elected to their respective offices the president, Mr. Sayward; secretary, Mr. Hayward; and treasurer, Mr. Wolfenden. The repairs and works committee, in the company of Messrs. Hawkins, Hayward and Richards, and the finance committee, Messrs. Spencer, Wolfenden, Lee and Fraser.

In general meeting Dr. Bryant was reappointed honorary physician, and Dr. Lewis Hall, honorary dentist. The two paid officials are Mr. J. B. Clearhugh, representing solicitor, and Mr. Reginald Owen, auditor.

Vote of thanks were passed to Dr. Bryant and Dr. Hall, who had so kindly undertaken the duties of physician and dentist during the year; also to the ladies' committee and to the press.

Equimait School Concert—The Equimait School Choir, giving a programme in the school assembly room on Saturday, December 19, at 8 p.m. This will represent the work attempted during the past term, and will include eight selections which have never been presented before. The ensemble work will be varied with vocal solos by boys and girls; a trio by soprano, violin and piano; and other interesting items, all children's work. Miss Doris Hicks will play the accompaniments.

Rummage Sale—Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid, a rummage sale will be held on Saturday next at the new Temple Hall, formerly K. of P. Hall. Articles of all descriptions will be gratefully received, and should be delivered at the hall not later than Friday. Articles can be called for by telephoning Mrs. Victor Cells.

Old linen or clean rags are urgently needed by the Victorian Order of Nurses. Parcels may be left at the nurses' flat, 424 Linden Avenue or telephone 4944.

IN WOMAN'S DOMAIN SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. A. B. Ritchie of Trail is a visitor in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stone of Vancouver are visitors in Victoria.

Capt. and Mrs. W. B. Brails left this afternoon for Montreal and New York en route for Germany.

Mr. Leo Sweeney has returned to Vancouver after paying a visit to his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Shelly of Portland are spending a short holiday in Victoria.

Mrs. Robert Gillespie of Seattle is a visitor in Victoria, and is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. L. C. Orr and Miss N. B. Orr of Banff are visitors in Victoria, and are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Miss Inez Ker entertained a party of friends at the Crystal Garden last evening where they enjoyed the dancing.

Mrs. R. P. Ritchie entertained with several tables of bridge and mah jong at her home, "Hollybank," yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Bullen of St. Charles Street, has gone over to Vancouver for a few days as the guest of Mrs. Frank Harrison.

Mrs. A. McKewen of Cambridge Street is visiting in Vancouver as the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Scott.

Mrs. Harold Bray of Vancouver has arrived in Victoria to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Colonel and Mrs. Peters, Esquimalt.

Lady Loughheed, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Loughheed and Mrs. Nolan Huxley, who spent the week-end at the Empress Hotel, have returned to Vancouver.

Major Sherman, who has been spending the last three months on an inspection trip that included Winnipeg, Edmonton and Calgary, has returned to Victoria, and is resident at Cherry Bank.

Miss Alice Baines, who is attending the University of B.C., Vancouver, is spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Baines, Yates Street.

Miss Gladys Garesche, who is attending the University of British Columbia, came over to Victoria yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Garesche, Fairfield Road.

Miss Marion Bullock-Webster, who is attending the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, has arrived in Victoria to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock-Webster, Davis Street, Oak Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dewry and small daughter, Mary, of White Horse, Yukon, who have been spending some time in Victoria as guests at Cherry Bank, have left for Vancouver where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Members of the Women's Institute held their regular meeting in the Margold Hall on Friday, 11th inst. Progressive 500 was played at eight tables. Winners of first prizes were Miss G. Miller and Mr. J. Getters, while consolation prizes went to Mrs. Shingleton and Mr. Newman. The next card party will be held in the Margold Hall on Friday the 18th, when a number of fine turkeys will be given as prizes.

In honor of Miss Jessie Chetham, whose marriage will take place in Vancouver next week, Miss Grace Ledingham entertained last evening at her home on Quadra Street at a miscellaneous shower. The invited guests included Miss Chetham, Mrs. Angus Campbell, Mrs. J. H. Moore, Mrs. Stanley Miller, Mrs. McPadden, Mrs. H. Lapey, Mrs. H. A. Whillans, Miss Eunice Macdonald, Miss Bessie Middleton, the Misses Jean and Janet McEwan, Miss Lillian Graham, Miss Amelia Dunn, Miss Kathleen Fraser, Miss Aline Lawrence, Miss Phyllis Wrightman, Miss Gladys Ledingham, Miss Mona Miller, and Miss Molly Fraser.

The Criterion Invitation Dancing Club, Murray Studio of Social Dancing, held their fortnightly dance on Tuesday evening with a large number of members and friends in the Amputation Club rooms, Belmont Building. The music was furnished by Miss Muriel Hall's orchestra and nothing to be desired, and a delicious buffet supper was served under the management of Mrs. Fairburn. Among the present were Mrs. H. J. S. Muskett, Mr. and Mrs. Weller, Mr. and Mrs. Rodkin (Sidney), Mr. and Mrs. Scharr, Mr. and Mrs. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell (Sidney), Mr. and Mrs. Beckton, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Basil Combe, Miss Whitely, Mrs. Farrington, Miss Hay-Ding, Miss Richardson, Miss Dickson, and the Messrs. Murray, C. Newcombe, Randall, Nicholson, Beaumont, Ballantyne, Lister Waddington and others.

The marriage of Miss Beale M. Westcombe, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Westcombe, formerly of Victoria, and now residents of Los Angeles, to Mr. John Edward Rogers, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Rogers of Wolverhampton, England, was celebrated in the Church of Epiphany, Los Angeles, on December 6, by the Rev. Mr. Malpas, Mr. Green presiding at the organ during the ceremony. The bride was lovely in a gown of pale pink georgette crepe, trimmed with long ostrich feathers, and wore a coronet of orange blossoms in her hair. She carried a shower bouquet of white and pink roses. The matron of honor, Mrs. R. H. Westcombe, sister-in-law of the bride, wore blue and silver and carried a shield of pale pink carnations. The best man was Mr. R. H. Westcombe. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where the reception room was beautifully decorated in pink and white. The supper table was centred with a three-tier wedding cake and decorated with roses. Mr. and Mrs. Westcombe left for San Francisco and northern cities and on their return will reside in Los Angeles.

Keating Special to The Times Keating, Dec. 15.—The Westsayers' Association of Ward Six held their annual meeting and election of officers in the Temperance Hall on Monday evening with C. P. Johnston presiding. The secretary's report and the financial statement for the year ended by George Stewart and adopted. The officers for 1926 were re-elected as follows: President, E. P. Johnston; secretary, G. Stewart; treasurer, H. E. Tanner. The attendance was very large, so the nominations for municipal offices was left over till the next meeting, which will be held early in the new year. Councilor H. O. Kirkham addressed the meeting and was well received. Councilor S. Hagan also spoke, the Health Centre and taxation being his main topics. Trustee Holland gave an address on the school situation in Saanich, and was asked to consider being a candidate for another term.

The annual meeting of the South Saanich Junior Institute Girls' Club was held Saturday afternoon at the home of the Misses Ruby and Miss Young, Keating. Ten dollars was donated towards the Solarium fund. Miss Hazel Lamont was appointed to complete the drawing for the doll for the country store Friday evening, and officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Miss Margaret Mitchell; secretary, Miss Blanche Sherrin; treasurer, Miss Lillian Styan was appointed as convener of the buying committee. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officers for their untiring work in the past year. The girls have been asked to make candy for the country store, and will meet for this purpose at the home of Miss Blanche Sherrin Thursday afternoon. Tea was served by the hostesses. The meeting on the second Thursday in January will be held at the home of Miss Patricia Gale, Stelly's Cross Road.

The monthly meeting of the South Saanich Women's Institute will take place this evening in the Temperance Hall. The librarian wishes all books to be returned on this night so that the library may be changed.

Miss Christina Anderson of Telegraph Road, spent several days with friends in Victoria last week.

Miss Emily Wallock of Victoria was the guest of her friend, Miss Hilda Styan, Central Saanich Road, over the week-end.

Mrs. Jack Patterson, East Saanich Road, spent a short visit with friends in Vancouver last week.

Miss Thelma Lawrence of Victoria was the guest of Miss Violet Holloway East Saanich Road, over the week-end.

Miss Grace Hanson of "The Nest," Giles Road, was a recent visitor in Vancouver.

Mr. Eric Caldwell spent the week-end at his home, "Tide View," Telegraph Road, returning to Ladysmith on Monday.

The Christmas dance will take place in the Temperance Hall on Monday evening, December 28, when Charles Hunt's popular orchestra will provide the latest music.

The Young People's Society of the South Saanich United Church will hold their annual meeting in the church parlour on Thursday evening, December 21.

The annual meeting of the Saanich Fruit Growers' Association will take place in the Temperance Hall on Tuesday evening, December 22.

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LORD CHEYLESMORE SUES FOR DIVORCE

Papers Filed at Edmonton Court; Wife Counter-sues in England

Edmonton, Dec. 15.—Affidavits of Elizabeth, Baroness Cheylesmore, Col. Gilbert Hamilton, late officer commanding the Grenadier Guards, other officers of this regiment, an Aberdeenshire gamekeeper, as well as the steward of a London club, were filed in the Supreme Court offices here on Monday afternoon by an Edmonton lawyer, Stanley C. Kerr, in support of divorce proceedings being taken by Francis, Lord Cheylesmore, who succeeded to the title last summer, and who has a ranch at Alis, against Mrs. Mary Eaton, his wife and the present Lady Cheylesmore.

The divorce proceedings are being taken by Lord Cheylesmore in the Alberta court. At the same time Lady Cheylesmore, is claiming divorce from her husband in the High Court of Justice, Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division, in England. The affidavits filed in the Supreme Court are in support of Lord Cheylesmore's claim to domicile in Alberta, where he farms the Happy Valley ranch near Alis.

Ku Klux Klan Takes Interest in Rhinelander Case

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Gifts at 25c

Books for Boys and Girls.
Fairy Tales.
Women's and Children's Handkerchiefs.
Pencils.
Sealing Wax Sticks.
Christmas Cards.
Tie Pins.
Hair Bow Ribbon.
Fire Engines.
Games, in great variety.
Christmas Bags, filled with toys and candies.
Toy Banks.
Horses.
Boxes of Paints.
Pocket Packs of Cigars.
Lavender and Violet Blossoms.
California Poppy Perfume.
China Cups and Saucers.
Bon Bon Dishes.
Ash Trays.
Cream Jugs.
Teapot Stands.
Sets of Cookie Cutters.
Men's Woven Colored Border Handkerchiefs.
Men's White Lawn Handkerchiefs.
Men's Rubber Belts.
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs.
Men's Cambric Handkerchiefs.
Lavender Bags.

Gifts at 50c

Women's Silk Hose.
Children's Silk Socks.
Children's Wool Socks.
Children's Wool Gloves.
Women's Chamisette Gloves.
Books for Children.
Brooches.
Bar Pins.
French Novelities.
Women's and Children's Handkerchiefs.
Ribbon Novelities.
Boxed Stationery.
Fountain Pens.
Women's Fancy Garters.
Armand's Powder Compacts.
Incense Burners.
Eau de Cologne.
Lavender Water.
Cutex Sets.
Cigarette Holders.
Toy Street Cars.
Power Boats.
Trains.
Games in great variety.
Auto Racers.
Fire Brigades.
Toy Blocks.
Dressed Dolls.
Washable Toys.
Dancing Coons.
Infants' Rattles.
Hand-painted China Cups and Saucers.
Marmalade Jars.
Vases.
Mustard Pots.
Cream Jugs.
Fern Pots.
Shaving Mugs.
Salt and Pepper Shakers.
Marmalade Jars.
Silver-plated Tea Strainers.
Men's Paris Garters.
Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs.
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs.
Men's Pongee Initial Handkerchiefs.

Gifts at 75c

Burnt Leather Novelities.
Reprint Novels.
French Novels.
French Ivory Pieces.
Christmas Boxed Stationery.
Perfume Bottles.
Boxed Handkerchiefs for Women and Children.
Women's Fancy Garters.
Story Books for Girls and Boys.
Children's Silk Socks.
Cuff Links.
Autograph Albums.
Boys' and Girls' Wool Hose.
Infants' Booties, all wool with silk edging.
Infants' Moccasin Slippers.
Children's Woolen Slippers, dark plaid effects.
Children's Painting Sets.

Gifts at 75c

Fire Trucks.
Mechanical Autos.
Toy Telephones.
Jumping Dogs.
Jazzbo Jim.
Casey the Cop.
Guns.
Mechanical Boxers.
Whiz Aeroplanes.
Games.
Tokanobe Vases and Flower Bowls.
Whipped Cream Sets.
Milk Jugs.
Spoon Trays.
Hand-painted Bon Bon Dishes.
Teapot Stands.
Fancy Vases.
Salt and Pepper Shakers in boxes.
Ash Trays.
Silver-plated Tea Strainers.
Shaving Brushes.
Fancy Perfumes.
Vantine's Incense Powder and Cones.
Nurses' Clinical Thermometers.
Alice Tobacco, one pound bags.
Men's Linen Handkerchiefs.
Men's Pongee Handkerchiefs with initial.
Men's Paris Brand Garter and Armband Sets.
Men's President Suspenders.

Gifts at \$1.00

Italian Hand-embroidered Pure Linen Towels.
Fancy Turkish Towels in Jacquard designs.
Hemstitched Pillow Cases.
Webb's Pure Linen Guest Towels.
White Turkish Towels.
Gown Length of Dimity, choice of white, mauve, sky, pink, yellow or Nile; three yards.
Ribbon Pin Cushions.
Infants' Wool Bonnets, plain or trimmed.
Women's Vests and Step-ins in dimity, various shades.
Women's Step-ins in satinette, various shades.
Women's Novelty Aprons.
Children's Silver-plated Spoon and Fork Sets.
Children's Felt Ankle Strap Slippers, with nursery rhymes in all sizes.
Talking Telephones.
Doll's Tea Sets.
Boats.
Toy Stores.
Puzzle Furniture Sets.
Children's Kindergarten Chairs.
Eversharp Pencils.
Hudson's Bay Company Fountain Pens.
Boxed Stationery.
Billy Whiskers Books.
Novels by Best Authors.
Women's Garters.
Lamp Shades.
Novelty Candles.
Pearl Neckties.
Novelty Ties.
Boxed Handkerchiefs.
Women's Silk Hose.
Fancy Chinese Baskets.
Boxes of Cigars, 10's.
Cutex Manicure Sets.
Loose Powder Compacts.
Yardley's Lavender Water.
Coty's and Houbigant's Perfumes.
Men's White Silk Handkerchiefs with initial.
Men's Colored Silk Handkerchiefs.
Men's Suspenders.
Men's English Colored Handkerchiefs.
Men's Paris Brand Garter and Armband Sets.
Men's Ties.
Men's English All Wool Cashmere Socks.
Men's Silk and Wool Socks, various colors.
Kum-A-Part Cuff Links.
Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs.
Men's Leather Belts with initial buckle.
Men's Scotch Knit Wool Gloves.
Boys' English Woolen Hose.

Gifts at \$1.25

All Linen Hand Embroidered Tray Cloths, with hemstitched borders.
Webb's All Linen Huckaback Towels.
Round Madeira Doilies, hand-worked, in beautiful designs.
Oval Madeira Doilies.
Madeira Hot Roll Covers.
Frill Marquissette Curtains.
Salad Bowls.
Marmalade Jars.
Handled Spoon Baskets.
Sugars and Creams.
Bon Bon Dishes.
Powder Boxes.
Fern Pots.
Lustre Vases and Cream Jugs.
Eversharp Pencils.
Fountain Pens.
Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Annals.
Boxed Stationery.
French Ivory Photo Frames.
Bracelets.
Brilliant Brooches.
Cigarette Sets.
Boxed Handkerchiefs for Women.
Women's Novelty Chamisette Gloves.
Women's English Cashmere Hose.
Women's Silk and Wool Gloves.
Autograph Albums.
Burnt Leather Tie Racks.
New Game of Traps.
Friction Toys.
Mechanical Trains.
Children's Painting Sets.
Table Tennis.
Drums.
Peter Rabbit.
O' Cedar Polish Mops.
Cigarette Holders.
Double Powder Compacts.

Gifts at \$1.50

Fancy Turkish Towels, various color mixtures, Jacquard weave.
Italian Hand Embroidered Towels, all pure linen.
Hand Worked Madeira Tray Cloth.
Irish Hand Embroidered Tray Cloths.
Embroidered Pillow Cases, in various designs.
Ash Trays, on gold strap to fit arm of chair.
Cretonne Table Covers, with fringed ends.
Net Curtains, with lace trimming.
Brunette Rugs, in neat designs, size 26x54 inches.
Eversharp Pencils.
Annals for Boys and Girls.
Christmas Stationery.
Beaded Bags.
Burnt Leather Pennants.
Novelty Bracelets.
Women's Wool Scarves.
Boxed Handkerchiefs for Women Collar and Cuff Sets.

Gifts at \$1.50

Women's All Wool Hose.
Women's Silk Hose.
Women's Mocha Gloves.
Children's Capeskin Gloves.
Horses and Carts.
Friction Toys.
Sand Toys.
Soldiers.
Flying Aeroplanes.
Table Tennis.
Aluminum Tea Sets.
Toy Furniture.
Laundry Sets.
Bang Bird Games.
Hand Painted Fancy China Bon Bon Dishes.
Marmalade Jars.
Smokers' Sets.
Salad Bowls.
Flower Bowls.
Fancy Vases.
English China Cups and Saucers.
Silver Plated Salt and Pepper Shakers.
China Marmalade Jars with silver plated tops.
Silver Plated Toast Racks.
Lunch Kits.
Houbigan's Bath Crystals.
Shaving Brushes.
Dubarry Bath Crystals.
Perfumers.
Ten Cigars in a box.
Boys' Brown Leather-lined Gauntlets.
Men's Double Weight Black and Colored Silk Socks.
Men's Cashmere Socks, in grey and brown checks.
Men's English Cashmere Socks.
Men's Heather Mixture Golf Hose.
Men's Brushed Wool Mufflers, camel shade.
Men's Colored Silk Handkerchiefs.
Men's Tan Cape-lined Gloves.
Men's Crepe and Cut Silk Ties.
Men's Suspender, Garter and Armband Sets.
Men's Suspenders.
Kum-A-Part Sterling Silver Cuff Links.
Infants' Wool Jackets, all white or trimmed pink or blue.
Women's Rayon Silk Vests.
Watson's or Harvey make.
Men's Woolen Felt Slippers.
Women's Boudoir Slippers.
Boys' Art Fabric Slippers.
Boys' Percale Negligee Shirts, with separate collar.
Women's Patent Leather Boudoir Slippers.
Men's Comfy Woolen Slippers, fleece-lined.
Women's Moccasin Slippers.
Men's Moccasin Slippers.
Glass Pin Trays, with gold lace trimming.
Corsage Bouquets.
Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose.
Women's Silk and Wool Hose.
Women's Novelty Suede Gloves.
Smokers' Stands.

Gifts at \$1.95

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STORE DIRECTORY

LOWER MAIN FLOOR:—

Toyware and Silverware
Hardware
Fresh Meats
Groceries

MAIN FLOOR:—

Silk and Dress Goods
Staples
Books and Stationery
Gloves and Hosiery
Neckwear and Ribbons
Notions
Leather Goods and Jewelry
Neckwear
Candles
Footwear
Men's and Boys' Departments
Drug Department
Sporting Goods Tobaccoes

MEZZANINE FLOOR:—

Art Needlework Department
Parcel Wrapping Desk
Library
Hairdressing Parlors
Rendezvous

SECOND FLOOR:—

Whitewash and Linen
Underwear
Corsets
Blouses and Sweaters
Children's and Infants' Wear
Furs
Millinery
Women's Wear
Bath and Writing Rooms
Private Telephone Booths

THIRD FLOOR:—

Draperies
Carpets and Linoleums
Oriental Rugs
Stoves and Heaters
Carpet Sweepers
Trunk and Bag
Mail Order Department

FOURTH FLOOR:—

Furniture
Restaurant
Lounge
General Offices

Gifts at \$1.95

Eversharp Pencils.
Boxed Stationery.
Women's Gift Neckwear.
French Ivory Clocks.
Vanity Cases.
Women's Gloria Covered Umbrellas.
Three-strand Pearl Necklets.
Dainty Embroidered Pillow Cases, scalloped or hemstitched ends.
Hand-embroidered Italian Linen Towels, with colored borders.
Hand-embroidered Tray Cloths.
Fancy Turkish Towels, with colored ends.
Mahogany-finished Candle Sticks.
Boys' Oliver Twist Suits, grey, brown and blue tweeds; 3 to 6 years.
Boys' English Tweed Straight Knickers, 6 to 12 years.
Boys' English Wool Blue Serge Knickers, 4 to 10 years.
Boys' Tweed Bloomers, 8 to 16 years.
Boys' Flannelette Pyjamas, 8 to 16 years.
Youths' Negligee Shirts, separate collar, 12½ to 14½.
Boys' Wool Jersey Coats, V neck, two pockets, 26 to 34.
Men's English Flannelette Nightshirts.
Men's English Tweed Caps.
Men's Negligee Shirts, various patterns.
Men's Mocha-lined Gloves.
Toy Tally-hos.
Table Tennis.
Mechanical Cars.
Friction Toys.
Horses and Carts.
Tool Sets.
Table Games.
Tokanobe Vases and Flower Bowls.
Polychrome Candlesticks and Book Ends.
China Salad Bowls.
Crown Duval Flower Bowls.
English China Cups and Saucers.
Hair Clippers.
Silver Bon Bon Dishes.
Silver-plated Cake Knives.
Alarm Clocks.

Gifts at \$2.50

English China Cake Plates.
Salad Bowls.
Vases.
Celery Trays.
Jardinieres.
Fancy Colored Glass Vases.
China Cups and Saucers.
Glass Candlesticks with gold lace trimming.
Fancy Bottle Perfumes.
Tobacco Pouches.
Coty's Perfume.
English Hot Water Bottles.
Japanned Bird Cages.
Carving Sets.
Universal Food Choppers.
Mechanical Trains.
Electric Trains.
Boats.
Talking Telephones.
Toy Animals.
Laundry Sets.
Table Games.
Ban Bird Games.
Women's Wool Slippers, fleeced lined.
Men's Leather Slippers, Eversharp style.
Boys' Broadcloth Shirts, separate collar, 13 to 14½.
Boys' English Golf Hose, 7½ to 10.
Boys' English Ribbed Jerseys, 23 to 30.
Men's White Flannelette Night Shirts.
Men's Silk Bandana Squares.
Men's Mocha Lined Gloves.
Men's Potter's Print Negligee Shirts.
Men's Umbrellas.
Boys' Cowboy and Indian Suits.
Women's Mocha Gloves.
Women's Hudsonia Kid Gloves.
Women's Chamois Gloves.
Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose.

Gifts at \$2.95

Women's Gloria Covered Umbrellas.
Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose.
Women's Silk Scarves.
Men's Soft Collar Boxes.
Boxed Handkerchiefs for Women.
Women's French Kid Gloves.
Women's Capeskin Gloves.
Women's Mocha Gauntlets.
Scarf Length of Printed Crepe de Chine.
Manicure Sets.
Ashes of Roses Dusting Powder.
English Made Briar Pipes.
Shaving Brushes.
Boxes of Cigars, 25's.
Women's Rayon Silk Bloomers in black and white and colors.
Brass Bird Cages.
Silver-plated Tea Spoons, set of six.
Smokers' Stands.
Universal No. 1 Food Choppers.
Mahogany Finished Glass-lined Serving Trays.
Mechanical Toys.
Cranes.
Steam Shovels.
Grab Buckets.
Flier Trains with tracks.
Armored Cars.
Sho Fly Rockers.
Doll Buggies.
Men's English Broadcloth Shirts, two separate collars.
Men's Wool Jersey Coats.
Men's Flannelette Pyjamas.

Gifts at \$3.50

Women's French Flannel Dressing Jackets.
Women's Sports Skirts, in-box, side pleated and wrap-around styles.
Women's Gloria Covered Umbrellas.
Women's Leather Handbags.
Work Baskets.
Neckwear Sets.
Women's Silk Scarves.
Boxed Stationery.
Men's Collar Boxes.
Boxed Linen Handkerchiefs for Women.
Vanity Cases.
Fountain Pens.
Eversharp Pencils.
Women's Novelty Kid Gloves.
Women's French Suede Gloves.
Whalebone Hair Brushes.
Sparklet Syphon Bottles.
Fancy Swansdown Puffs.
Tobacco Pouches.
Blouse Length of Silk Crepe.
Double Border Nottingham Lace Curtains, average length.
Tapestry Table Scarves, in rich colorings.
Fast Color Wash Rugs for Bedrooms.
Small Parlor Tables, in golden oak finish.
Pastel Drawings, in genuine walnut frames; size 9x22.
Reed Flower Stands, in natural finish.
Sets of Trains with tracks.
Doll Beds.
Moccasin Sets.
Wedgwood Marmalade Jars.

Gifts at \$4.50

Women's Gloria Covered Umbrellas.
Women's Leather Handbags.
Men's Soft Collar Cases.
Women's Printed Silk Scarves.
Boxed Stationery.
Eversharp Pencils.
Fountain Pens.
Women's French Kid Gloves, hand-painted cuffs.
Women's Doeskin Gloves.
Infants' White Fur Neckpieces.
English Wool, Reversible Rugs.
Novelty Net Curtains.
Silk Cushions, in round and oblong styles.
Golden Finished Parlor Tables, 24 inches square.
Mahogany Finished Card Tables with green felt tops.
Large Framed Pictures.
Fancy Bath Mats, in all over designs.
Women's Crepe Kimonas, in peach, pink, rose and orchid.
Cutex Sets de Luxe.
Mary Garden Three-piece Sets.
Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets, special case.
Ebony Hair Brushes.
French Ivory Hair Brushes.

Gifts at \$5.00

Pure Linen Damask Table Cloths.
Beautifully Hand-embroidered Madeira Runners.
White Pure Wool Crib Blankets, 36x54.
Dress Length of Three Yards of Black Paillette Silk.
Three Flower Toilet Sets.
Coty's Special Size Perfume.
Standard Gillette Razors.
English Pipes in special case.
French Ivory Hair Brushes and Combs.
Wool Flannel Sports Frocks, in new bright shades.
Women's Fur Chokers. A big selection to choose from.
Women's Umbrellas.
Whisky Flasks.
Women's Handbags.
Women's Wool Scarves.
Music Cases.
Women's Novelty Silk Scarves.
Pen Sets.
Women's Fur Lined Gloves.
Bisell's Carpet Sweepers in mahogany finished case.
A year's Subscription to Our Lending Library.

Christmas Groceries and Table Supplies

If you are particular about what goes on your Christmas table satisfaction will be yours if you buy your supplies at this Store. Phone in your order or come in yourself—in either case you'll get the best at the right prices.

Hudson's Bay Family Blend Tea packed in holly wrapped neat wooden containers. A most acceptable Christmas gift.
24-lb. box\$1.75
5-lb. box\$3.45
10-lb. box\$6.85
Hudson's Bay Epicure Blend, holly wrapped, 1-lb. package\$1.50
Hudson's Bay Luxurious Blend, 1-lb. package\$1.00
Ming Cha China Tea—
1-lb. tin\$1.25
1-lb. tin\$1.25
Patricio Brand French Peas—
Extra fine, per tin30¢
Tree fine, per tin27¢
Ml fine, per tin22¢
Macedonies (mixed vegetables), per tin27¢
Hero Brand Dutch Peas, very fine, per tin30¢
Hero Brand Beans, Cauliflower, carrots and Spinach28¢
2 tins for55¢
New Season's Smyrna Figs, per lb. 35¢, 40¢ and45¢
Rich Christmas Plum Puddings, in bowls, each \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75 and\$2.00
New Season's Spanish Raisins, per package 40¢, 50¢ and60¢



Freshly Killed Local Turkeys

13-lb weight and over, per lb.52¢
10-lb weight and over, per lb.50¢
8-lb weight and over, per lb.48¢
6-lb weight and over, per lb.46¢

Finest Quality Selected Alberta Turkeys

12-lb weight and over, per lb.48¢
10-lb weight and over, per lb.46¢
8-lb weight and over, per lb.44¢
6-lb weight and over, per lb.42¢
Fine Local Geese, 8 to 12 lbs. lb. 35¢
Finest Selected Capons, per lb. 45¢
No. 1 Local Chickens, per lb. 42¢
No. 1 Fowl, per lb. 35¢
All Turkeys Cleaned, Drawn and Singew Extracted, Local and Heavy Birds are Scarce, so Make Your Selection at Once. Delivery When Desired.

Christmas Candies

Ganong's Finest Assorted Chocolates in holly trimmed boxes, each 85¢, \$1.50 and\$2.25
Pascall's Cardboard Cradles and Frames containing chocolate doll and candy, each75¢
Pascall's Christmas Chocolate Bella, each50¢
Pure Barley Sugar Toys, per 1-lb. box50¢
Chocolate Santa Claus, each15¢
Bunches of Candy Fruit and Vegetables including Grapes, Cherries, Onions, Radishes and Carrots, per bunch, 20¢ and40¢
Christmas Candies for Stockings and Christmas Trees, per lb. 25¢, 30¢, 40¢ and50¢
Hudson's Bay Hand-dipped Assorted Chocolates, per lb. 50¢, 50¢ and at1.00
Candy Canes, each 5¢, and10¢
Fancy Hand-botted Christmas Mixture per lb.25¢
Mixed Candies, including Jellies and Fondants, per lb.40¢
Satin Mixed Candies, per lb.50¢
Pascall's Parlor Stores, 50¢, 55¢, \$1.10, \$1.50 and\$5.00
Mackintosh's Original English Toffee de Luxe, packet25¢



Its Rare English Flavour Charmed the Epicure of Olden Days

WHEN Rowntree's Cocoa was created two centuries ago, the epicure was king. Rare indeed in flavour and quality had a food to be to win favour in such a discriminating age. Yet Rowntree's Cocoa attained quickly the envied position of England's favourite and has remained so to this day.

Now you in Canada can enjoy this cocoa created for the luxurious

table—with its unusual smoothness, its distinctively English flavour still further improved by two centuries of perfecting. More surprising—although originally sold at a price within reach only of the wealthy, it is yours for no more than you have been paying for other brands. (Costs half-a-cent a cup.)

Ask your grocer for Rowntree's Cocoa. Enjoy it for breakfast, luncheon or social affairs. Try it at once.

Rowntree & Co. (Canada) Limited, Toronto, Canada

Rowntree's Cocoa is the most nourishing, refreshing hot drink you can give your children, because it is rich in carbohydrates and protein—so necessary in the diet of growing children. Serve it regularly. They'll like its distinctive flavour.

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CHRISTMAS AT SEA IS LOT OF NIAGARA ON PRESENT VOYAGE

Many Passengers and Heavy
Cargo on Liner Sailing
To-day

Clearing to-day for the South Sea Islands, New Zealand and Australia the H.M.S. Niagara is posted to sail from Vancouver at noon and to call here at 6 p.m. before leaving for sea. Over 400 passengers in all classes are on board the Canadian-Australian liner, which on this trip is taking out a capacity cargo beneath her hatches. Machinery, lumber, box shocks and general cargo to the limit of her capacity were loaded at Vancouver for the run south.

The Niagara is due at Auckland on January 4 and at Sydney on January 9. Her complement will spend Christmas at sea, and special preparations are being made in the ship's pantry to cater to the festive season in right royal fashion.

R.M.S. Aorangi is crossing in the other direction and will sail again from this coast on January 13, after her present voyage.

TUG STRATH PRODUCT OF B.C. MATERIALS

Launching Now Expected at
First of New Year

There is little prospect of launching the tug Strath much before the New Year, her owners stated to-day. The new tug, building at the Turpin Marine Railway for the Victoria Tug Company, is in the last stages of her construction, but needs fine weather for the finishing touches to her decking.

While under construction at the Turpin ways the Strath drew much favorable comment from visiting shipwrights, who admired the staunch work done on the hull. The Strath, when launched, will be one of the most up-to-date towing craft in local waters with full Diesel engines and electrical towing gear.

With the exception of her motive power the Strath will be of Canadian manufacture throughout, the staunch hull coming from the forests of British Columbia. An Atlas type Diesel engine was imported, and the hull construction specially designed to give the best results from her powerful towing equipment.

YARROWS LTD. LAY KEEL OF SECOND DRYDOCK CAISSON

Winter Work Thus Provided
For Many in Metal Trades

Swinging into play the second large contract of winter work to be undertaken in local yards, the keel of the second drydock caisson, a little vessel was launched some days ago, setting a new mark in marine construction in that the mass of steel was erected and launched on its side.

The second keel will be virtually the same length as the former one, in the neighborhood of 145 feet. About 1,000 tons of Canadian fabricated steel will go into the second caisson before it is complete. The work is estimated to take a month less than in the initial caisson and launching is predicted in about 100 days' time.

Though only a small proportion of workers commenced operations to-day compared to the number to be employed when the hull is advanced a few ways, progress will be fast in the initial stages and soon upwards of 100 men will find employment in the metal and allied trades. The keel is to be laid on the site of the work to be pushed ahead without delay from now on.

The work is the first caisson launched in proceeding space, and before long her two top stages and ballasting will be in place. The caisson will be poured into the hull to hold her upright in the water. The submergence will be by the use of water ballast, selected when not required by self-pumping apparatus.

FIGURES GIVEN ON TONNAGE OF WORLD

Great Britain Has 44 Per
Cent; United States Comes
Second

Washington, Dec. 15.—The United States was placed second to Great Britain in an analysis of the world's passenger carrying tonnage made public by the Bureau of Research of the Shipping Board.

The United States has 297 passenger carriers of 1,579,380 gross tons or thirteen per cent of the world's tonnage. Great Britain has 774 passenger carriers of 1,257,500 tons, but only thirty-seven of these vessels are in overseas service. Great Britain has 774 passenger carriers of 1,257,500 tons, but only thirty-seven of these vessels are in overseas service.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

OCEAN VESSELS TO ARRIVE	Master	Ten.	Agent	From	Due
Styanderus	Rhithers
Empress of Australia	C.P.R.
Kaga Maru	Admiral-O.
President Madison

OCEAN VESSELS TO SAIL	Master	Ten.	Agent	For	To Sail
Niagara	C.P.R.
President Grant	Admiral-O.
Philoctetes	Rhithers
Empress of Australia	C.P.R.
Africa Maru	O.S.K.

C.G.M.M. MOVEMENTS

Canadian Freighter left Vancouver for Avonmouth, Liverpool, Glasgow, November 26.

Canadian Highlander left Swanes for Vancouver December 2.

Canadian Rover left San Francisco for Victoria December 12.

Canadian Observer left Astoria for San Pedro December 11.

Canadian Planter arrived Vancouver November 19.

Canadian Winner left Norfolk for London November 24.

Canadian Coast arrived Ocean Falls December 2.

Canadian Importer left Antwerp for Vancouver November 20.

Canadian Transporter arrived Vancouver October 5.

Canadian Ranger arrived Vancouver December 6.

Canadian Selkirk left Panama Canal for Victoria December 7.

Canadian Trooper arrived Vancouver November 13.

Canadian Inventor left Panama Canal November 13.

Canadian Skirmisher left Panama Canal for Avonmouth, Swanes, Liverpool and Glasgow November 15.

Canadian Farmer arrived Ocean Falls December 13.

Canadian Pioneer arrived Vancouver December 13.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Day	Hour	Min.	Hour	Min.
16	6:09	59	4:15	15
17	6:08	59	4:16	15
18	6:07	58	4:17	15
19	6:06	57	4:18	15
20	6:05	56	4:19	15
21	6:04	55	4:20	15
22	6:03	54	4:21	15
23	6:02	53	4:22	15
24	6:01	52	4:23	15
25	6:00	51	4:24	15
26	5:59	50	4:25	15
27	5:58	49	4:26	15
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TRANS-PACIFIC MAILS

December, 1925

President Grant—Dec. 17; mails close 4 p.m.; due at Yokohama Dec. 23, Shanghai Jan. 3, Hongkong Jan. 10.

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Kaga Maru—Dec. 21; mails close 4 p.m.; due at Yokohama Jan. 10, Shanghai Jan. 17, Hongkong Jan. 24.

CHRISTMAS MAILS GO ON MARETANIA

C. A. Whitelock, of Cunard
Line, in City on Visit

A number of British Columbians called from Halifax on board the Cunard liner, Marenatia, on Monday, bound for London direct, states C. A. Whitelock, British Columbia, head of Cunard offices, in the city on business to-day.

The Marenatia is the Christmas ship of the line from Canadian ports and sailed with her passenger accommodation taxed to the limit.

The last of the Christmas mail from Victoria will go on the Marenatia, clearing from New York on December 15 with a record list of passengers bound for the home land at the festive season.

Though "C. A." is on his visiting cards it is as "Tetsu" that the well known Cunard official is hailed and welcomed in every port on this sea-board. He was given the nickname by his parents before he could talk back, said Mr. Whitelock to-day, and it stuck to the displacement of even his chosen names.

TOURISTS WILL COME IN NUMBERS

Puget Sound Navigation Company
Official Speaks on
Pacific Northwest

Vancouver Island will share to a large measure in the increased tourist business of the Pacific Northwest in 1926, it is confidently expected by Capt. J. J. Oliver, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Puget Sound Navigation Company, in the city to-day on a flying visit.

Capt. Oliver has just returned from a tour of California points and from every indication there the Pacific Northwest will experience an influx of tourist business unprecedented in other years. All indications point to heavy and sustained northbound travel early in 1926, believes Capt. Oliver, who returns to Seattle this evening, after a brief call here.

KAGA MARU IS DELAYED BY SEAS

To Dock Saturday From the
Orient at a Time to be
Stated Later

Delayed by head winds and heavy seas the N.Y.K. Kaga Maru will be two days behind her scheduled time of docking, it is now reported to local agents.

The liner was expected on Thursday from the Orient, but her master has wired ahead to say that Saturday at a time to be stated later is the best that can be expected under the circumstances.

The Kaga Maru has 185 tons for Victoria, slightly eight tons of which are for a single Chinese consignee. In addition one first and one steerage passenger are carried for this port, and a thirty bag of mail.

For Seattle the Kaga Maru has a good silk cargo and some passengers, including ten first and seven steerage.

WIRELESS SILENT ON SS. ARTEMISIA

Returning British Freighter
Expected To-night

No further words from the SS. Artemisia was received at this port to-day. The British freighter reported yesterday she was returning from Seattle, and was expected to-night.

The Artemisia put about when her funnel came adrift in heavy weather 200 miles off the coast.

She will proceed to Esquimaut direct to have the damage righted, it is thought here, and is expected in port this evening. The freighter did not report her position last night, raising contact with the first message transmitted.

MARINE NOTES

Bound up the coast in the service of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Line the motorship Loch Katrine is scheduled to call here Saturday to get ashore a light proportion of her cargo before shifting to Vancouver.

For her terminal discharge the Loch Katrine has 900 tons of general cargo. Outbound of grain, spelter, apples, fish and general for United Kingdom ports.

Inbound in the service of the Fur-trade line the London Merchant is due to make port here Friday, unless retarded in the severe weather reported off the coast. The London Merchant will discharge United Kingdom freights here.

Clearing from United Kingdom ports on December 9 the SS. Dramatic of the Harrison Direct Line service, is expected here on January 20 with a large consignment of European and British wares for local discharge.

The Arizona Maru, of the O.S.K. line, is expected in port on December 22, from Yokohama, with silk, mails, and Oriental wares.

Vancouver Murder Charge is Heard

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—Evidence of threats declared to have been made by the accused man against the deceased, featured, the commencement of the preliminary hearing before Magistrate H. C. Shaw in police court here of a charge of murder against William Pilkington, accused of fatally stabbing Wilfred M. Tribe in the fore of Gore Avenue N.W. on the night of September 23.

Owing to the inability of two witnesses to attend, a remand until Thursday was ordered, when the prosecution will close its case.

RIGHTS OF INDIANS IN RESPECT TO LAW ARGUED IN ACTION

Argument Turns on First
Passages in Pioneer Days

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—Of unusual interest was the argument before Judge Cayley in the County Court at Vancouver this week over the rights of Indians in regard to the fishing regulations in British Columbia. As a result of the case Indians were ruled to be within the scope of legislation as to fishing.

To explain the policy towards Indians in the crown colony days of British Columbia, counsel for the Indians, Mr. J. N. Ellis, K.C., had recourse to correspondence between Governor Douglas and the British Government. In a letter to Sir Edward Lytton, the Governor stated the Indians should be left unmolested to pursue their favorite calling of fishing. There is no recorded legislation on the subject other than an ordinance which stipulated that the Indians should not be stalked for homesteads. Governor Douglas, in his inaugural address on Vancouver Island in the summer of 1860, announced that he would "treat them with justice and forbearance," safeguarding their rights.

Mr. Ellis pointed out that the British North America Act gave the Federal Government power to legislate for fisheries and Indians; and he said the Federal Indian Act entrusted the Minister of the Interior with the care of Indians and their fishing rights. Legislation affecting the rights of Indians to fish was contained in this statute, he argued, and if the Department of Marine and Fisheries wanted action it should collaborate with the Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

LIBERAL POLICY
The question as to whether the Fisheries Department can enforce, fishery regulations on the Indian reserves, said Judge Cayley.

According to the respondents, said the judge, the Terms of Union demanded a liberal policy towards the Indians; and he pointed out the Indian Act seemed to recognize as a kind of right that Indians of a band should have all the fishing privileges they wished on their reserves. It was a strong case for the Indians, he conceded, that their methods of taking fish should not be interfered with.

PART OF SYSTEM
On the other hand the Department of Fisheries was equally a part of the Federal machinery and it was not to be supposed one department was deliberately interfering with another department, he said. He added that the Indian Department could have the fishery legislation modified in favor of Indians, had they objected. It was only a question of propriety whether the fishery laws should be enforced against Indians, he said.

Judge Cayley pointed out that it was contended by respondents that the enforcement was contrary to the spirit of the Terms of Union.

"What does liberal mean?" he inquired. "Are the rights of Indians prescribed by regulations for catching fish?"

"There is no right interfered with of hunting and fishing on the Indian's reserve," he answered. "The Fisheries Act says he can not use destructive methods. It can not be said not to be liberal within the spirit of Union."

NOT ILIBERAL
The judge said the Federal Parliament had the right to pass the law; and the only question was whether it was right in the face of the article in the Terms of Union. He concluded it was not a contravention of the article and that there was nothing liberal in the making of regulations for fishing as long as the right to fish was not interfered with.

"The liberal policy by the Government of British Columbia, prior to Union is continued by the Dominion Government in accordance with the Act of Union," he said.

He stated the Fisheries Department had both the legal and the moral right to pass the regulation.

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ELEVATORS FULL AT PRAIRIE POINT

Return of Embargo on Damp
Grain Announced To-day

Edmonton, Dec. 15.—Closing of the local government terminal elevator and other plants in the city which during the last week have been receiving grain faster than Montana can move to the British Columbia coast under the permit system which is now in force has been followed by a restoration of the embargo on shipments to Edmonton over the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific lines.

This action is not expected to hamper the movement of grain for any length of time, as, according to Superintendent D. E. Gille of the Government elevator, good progress is being made with clearing out the surplus of tough and damp grain which has come in recently.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The regular meeting of the Victoria Women's Institute will be held Friday at 2.30 p.m.

Unity of ex-service men will be discussed at the general meeting of the Canadian Legion which will be held in the clubrooms to-night.

The Rotary Club will entertain Mayor Pender and the aldermen, retiring and elect, at the weekly luncheon to-morrow at the Empress Hotel.

The anniversary reunion dinner of the Victoria unit of the Army and Navy Veterans will be held at the club to-night. Members wishing tickets are asked to communicate with the secretary or stewards.

Wilfred Jenkins, charged with theft and breaking and entering in the city and Esquimalt courts today, was allowed out on suspended sentence by Magistrate George Jay.

Dr. A. F. Barton will deliver a lecture on "Your Mental Dynamo" in the New Temple to-night at 8 o'clock. Dr. Barton's talks will be practical and applicable to every day life and problems.

Edward Bell was fined \$5 this morning for non-conformance with traffic regulations. Stanley Gilles was fined \$10 for failing to give his name and address to persons concerned in a motor accident in which he participated.

C. H. Bowes, assistant general passenger agent for the Canadian Pacific Railway at Vancouver, was a visitor in Victoria yesterday. He was on the mainland with the object of drawing up tentative plans for the round-the-island trip which the C.P.R. will inaugurate next year.

An interesting address was given Monday night in the Memorial Hall by Dean Quinton on "The Life and Times of William Tyndale." The Dean told of the wonderful work accomplished by Tyndale as a translator. The speaker also gave a brief sketch of the time immediately preceding Tyndale's day.

A series of lectures on the great pyramids of Egypt and their relations to science, history and prophecy will be given by J. W. Parker, head of the technical department of the Vancouver public schools, during the week between Christmas and New Year.

G. Ford, of Winnipeg, western superintendent of the Dominion Express Company, who was last week in the course of a periodical inspection, stated that the reduced winter express rates on fruit and vegetables should benefit Canadian growers. He said that the tomato business on this island should benefit considerably by the new rates. Mr. and Mrs. Ford left for the East Monday night.

J. O. Stington, of 11 Highland Drive, and a successfull of home-grown raspberries for breakfast this morning. He was walking in his garden when he noticed that his small crop of raspberry bushes had a number of berries on them, which is another example of the warm climate being experienced by Victoria this winter.

Ward Three Conservatives annual meeting was held Monday at the Conservative rooms. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, E. B. L. Rogers; secretary, F. G. Garnham; members appointed to central executive were: C. H. Revercomb, Hugh McDonald, E. B. Jones and E. E. Coady-Johnson.

A most enjoyable concert was given at the T.H. ward of the Jubilee Hospital last evening under the auspices of the Victoria Women's Institute. The programme which included vocal solos by Miss Stella Burton, Mrs. Ellis, Frank Partridge and J. Scrivener, elocution numbers by Miss Janet Miller, and piano solos by Miss Ida Moffat, was well received. At the close the institute members served delicious refreshments, and the artists were warmly thanked.

Because the city has no title to the western waterfront of Discovery Street, a right vested in the Crown in the original subdivision plan, City Solicitor Pringle has advised the City Council against disposing of this property to the Canadian Pulp and Paper Company for the construction of a wharf. Mayor Pender will examine the matter, in company with City Engineer Preston and Mr. Pringle. The city solicitor suggested that the city should support an application by the company to the Provincial Government for a grant of the roadway waterfrontage, but Alderman Woodward believes the city should obtain this concession and then deal with the lumber concern.

Women of the Mooseheart Legion Victoria Chapter No. 25 held the regular monthly meeting in the K. of E. Hall Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Senior Regent Parnell presiding. A successful report was given by Legionaire Hatcher, social convener, of the sale of work held recently at Legionaires' White's home. Installation of officers took place for the ensuing year. Past Regent Legionaire Oliver acting as grand installing officer with Past Regent Sillmore as her Grand Guide. The pleasing event of the evening was when Senior Regent Parnell and the retiring officers, Junior Regent Legionaire Taylor and Legionaire Hatcher, social convener, were presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers by Past Regent Legionaire Oliver on behalf of the chapter. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

DELIVER CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

The worry of selecting and buying suitable Christmas gifts for the home folks will be more than repaid if you deliver them yourself. The whole family will be so glad to see you that it will seem so good to you to get back into the family circle, to watch them open their packages and open a few of your own. To eat a well-stuffed turkey, roasted at only mother knows how, to be surrounded by the joyous, happy faces of your loved ones will give you a thrill you can get no other way.

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BREWMASTERS ON GRILL QUELL POLITICIANS AS "RAW" BEER INQUIRY ENDS

No Ether or Arsenic in B.C. Product, Which is Now Better Than Before Prohibition, is Evidence; Beer Bar Licences Make Profit of \$5.60 a Barrel, by Selling Eight-ounce Glasses.

Politicians of all shades of opinion with a common enthusiasm crowded the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature to-day when brewmasters were put on the griddle over the alleged lack of quality of British Columbia beer.

At the end of a whole morning's probing, the politicians came out of the room rubbing their eyes and wondering how in the world they had ever let themselves get the idea that there was anything wrong with the B.C. beer, for the two brewmasters who were put on the stand emerged triumphant over all attempts of the politicians to prove that the beer was "raw," "immature," "rotten," "injurious," "synthetic," "full of ether," "varnish," "laced" for consumption.

"Well, I don't know, I guess my taste must have changed," said Major R. J. Burde, Alameda, at the end of the attempted grilling of the brewmasters, when politicians were rushing to shake their heads and thank them for having made everything so clear by their explanations.

The committee will now have to make up its report on the beer situation to present it to the Legislature. Members of the committee at the close to-day admitted that little progress had been made in trying to answer Major Burde's question, "What is the matter with our beer?"

Brewmasters from the Vancouver and Rainier breweries testified that their product was 100 per cent. perfect, and submitted all kinds of analyses to prove it. Finally, the politicians could find no more questions to ask the brewmasters, and the investigation ended.

Information was obtained, however, about the business relations between the Amalgamated and the Liquor Board.

There was a verbal agreement, said Thomas Sutherland, secretary of the Amalgamated Breweries, last week, whereby the Liquor Control Board accepted beer in quotas agreed to by the breweries themselves on the following basis: Vancouver, 14 per cent.; Phoenix, 14 per cent.; New Westminster Brewery, 11 per cent.; Rainier and Silver Spring, 11 per cent. The quotas were fixed by a firm of auditors on the past business done by the breweries, he said.

DAVIDSON ON STAND

Hugh Davidson, commissioner of the Liquor Control Board, was first to go on the stand. He was asked by Ian Mackenzie, whether W. T. McArthur, the Vancouver hardware man, who had been called "the big cheese" by Jack Shannan last, had ever interfered with E. W. Davidson in connection with any beer license on any way or the other.

Mr. Davidson: Mr. McArthur never asked me for anything one way or the other.

Mr. Davidson was asked by the members of the committee for the names of the breweries comprising the Amalgamated Breweries. He gave the names as Silver Spring, Victoria-Phoenix, Rainier, Westminster, Brewing, and Vancouver Breweries.

The roll call of the brewmasters summoned before the committee was then made. The following were present: Henry Creevey, of the Vancouver Breweries, R. Samet, of the Victoria-Phoenix, Silver Spring, and New Westminster, who did not respond to their names, and members of the committee wanted to know why they had failed to appear. H. F. Kergin, of the Victoria-Phoenix, had telephoned all the brewmasters yesterday and given them proper notice that they had to appear.

Davidson's examination continued.

W. A. McKenzie: How many licenses have you granted in dry counties?

Mr. Davidson: None.

Ian Mackenzie, chairman: There are no beer licenses in dry constituencies, only club licenses.

Mr. Davidson: I suppose you considered issuing licenses in mining districts?

Mr. Davidson: The policy we have pursued is to issue no beer licenses until the commencement of the year, and then deal with the lumber concern.

Mr. McKenzie: Parts of the Similkameen and Penticton districts are mining districts.

Mr. Davidson: The difficulty with that proposal is that once you vary a policy you are liable to be questioned, and it is a rather hazardous undertaking.

H. D. Twigg: Did you discuss with Major Bowes the question of a club license at Port Combs?

Mr. Davidson: He put up a vigorous argument for his club license. He asked on several occasions for a beer license, but there was only one reply to him, and that was no beer licenses could be granted any district that voted dry.

REPRESENTATIVE OF BREWERIES

Col. H. S. Tobin came before the committee and announced himself as the representative of the breweries in the inquiry.

"We are at a loss to know what this is all about," Col. Tobin went on. "You will soon know," several members of the committee replied.

Chairman Mackenzie explained that the two questions under inquiry were the arrangements between the breweries themselves and the Government regarding the distribution and supplying of beer, and secondly the processes for the manufacture of beer in British Columbia and the quality of beer furnished to the public.

"We don't care how much we are paying for it."

"It is the rotten stuff that we are kicking about," Major Burde said to Mr. Twigg, when the latter suggested something about the price of the beer.

Thomas Sutherland, secretary of the Amalgamated Breweries, was

to beer under modern refrigerating conditions.

Mr. Traeger: I don't understand what he means by modern refrigerating conditions.

Major Burde: Then you think these analysts don't know what they are talking about.

Mr. Traeger: Not when they talk about the brewing business.

Major Burde: Is there any way of telling the age of beer?

Mr. Traeger: Not by analysis very closely.

Later he said an experienced brewmaster could tell by taste and he said he had been astounded at the greenness of some English ale he had tasted in England last year. All beer turned out by the Vancouver Brewery, he said, was six months in the vats or more. Near beer he said could be manufactured for use in three or four weeks.

Mr. Traeger insisted that he was making beer today by the same process as before prohibition, and if anything a little better, as they were using slightly more hops. He described the source of the hops and said, saying that they bought by sample and he examined the samples in his own laboratory as to quality and ordered only the best.

"Do you use any apparatus to accelerate the ageing of your beer?" asked Major Burde.

Mr. Traeger: No.

Major Burde: What is the difference between bottled and draught beer?

Mr. Traeger: The bottled beer is pasteurized for fear there may be infinitesimal particles of yeast which would set up after fermentation in the bottle thus spoiling the beer.

Major Burde: Do you think the beer now is as good as before prohibition? I find I can't drink the stuff now; it disagrees with me.

Mr. Traeger gave a detailed statement to demonstrate that even better beer now is being sold than before prohibition, which he prompted Major Gus Lyons to remark:

"I'm afraid you're slipping, Dick."

Mr. Traeger scoffed at the suggestion that there was ether or arsenic in the beer.

"I'd like to see the man who said there was arsenic in beer. It is impossible," he explained.

Major Burde: Oh, then you never heard about the investigation in England where they found arsenic in the beer.

Mr. Traeger: That was in England; I am talking about B.C.

Major Burde: Then it may be possible. I am told it was due to a cheap brown sugar they used.

Mr. Traeger: That is a different process from here. We use no sugar or sweetening at all.

Mr. Traeger in response to further questions said that little harm could be done to beer in kegs by the way it was handled. Not even changes in temperature would affect it, he said, although unclean pipes in the beer parlors might cause sediment in the beer. His examination of the beer parlors showed him, however, that the proprietors were very careful in the way they handled the beer.

Rudolf Samet, manager of the Rainier Brewery, endorsed Mr. Traeger's evidence, but gave figures to show that a barrel of beer costing the licensee \$22 can be divided into 496 eight-ounce glasses, returning \$27.60. However, part of this was foam, possibly as much as one ounce, making the profit greater.

He said that if a keg of beer was only half empty at closing time at night it could spoil by morning if all conditions were not right, as to temperature, condition of the plumbing, etc. With proper care it could be kept overnight, however.

He said the main consideration with beer was water, and that his firm had the Kamloops water analysed by a firm in England, and on their report he found it necessary to add just a little table salt, no other chemical.

Water was very good brewing water, he said, as it was soft.

"The Amalgamated is not only amalgamated by way of selling, but in the way of producing and methods it is amalgamated for the production of the best beer possible," Mr. Samet continued. "When we amalgamated we sought to avoid unnecessary expense. For instance, to ship beer from Vancouver to Victoria, when it is known that the home brewers here are making a good product, involves additional and unnecessary cost."

In reply to questions as to why the various breweries were allotted the quotas under the amalgamation, Mr. Samet explained that it was found that the demand for certain brands of beer could be artificially stimulated at times.

Mr. McKenzie: What do you mean artificially stimulated?

Chairman Mackenzie: Stimulated by enterprising agents and unscrupulous agents.

C. S. Leary: Do you operate your plant at capacity?

Mr. Samet: Our plant has a 60,000 barrel capacity, but our sales don't amount to over 16,000 to 17,000 barrels.

Each brewery, Mr. Samet explained, shared only the profits from

the programme will consist of miscellaneous vocal and instrumental selections, some of the artists being Mrs. A. Stokes, Mrs. Knight, Miss Piercey, Miss Heather, Miss Savers, Dr. W. W. Bryce and L. Abbott. The second part of the programme will consist of a recital of Tennyson's "Enoch Arden" by Rev. R. W. Lee. The public is invited to what should prove to be a very high class programme.

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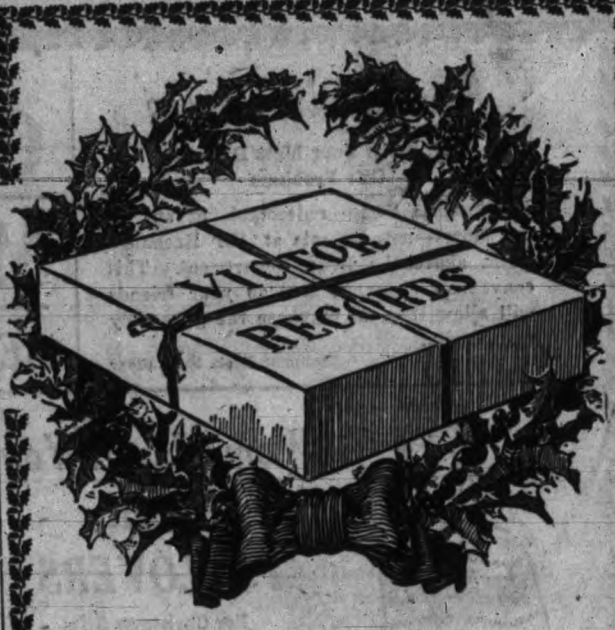
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"Oh, How I Miss You To-night".....John McCormack
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New York Philharmonic Orchestra
"Sultano A To".....Enrico Caruso
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All Wool Pullovers made with long sleeves and V necks, in pretty designs in many shades, finished at neck, cuffs and bottom with ribbed band in plain shade to match. Assorted sizes. Each at \$4.95

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Hand-made Bonnets of white wool, plain knit faced in front with Angora wool and trimmed with silk rosettes in dainty shades of pink or blue. A very acceptable Christmas gift, priced at \$1.95

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Better Grade Raincoats, with detachable lined hood, shown in fawn and navy; nice quality, English make; sizes for 4 to 14 years. At each \$3.95

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A Pair, 75c

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Smart Silk and Woolen GIFT HOSIERY For Women.

Full fashioned, exquisitely sheer Chiffon Hose, with sandal foot, in sizes 8½ to 10. "Gordon" make, made in shades of black, gunmetal, French nude, sunset, Windsor tan, orchid, moonlight and gold. A pair \$3.00

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Pretty Patterns for Christmas Gifts

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Women's Neckwear, 98c and \$1.98

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Colored Lawn Handkerchiefs, two in a box, assorted colors in neatly embroidered design. While they last, a box 29c

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Have Arrived, Priced From

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All black or with colored metallic fronts, shown in a great variety of shapes, nicely made and finished. Priced from \$4.95 to \$13.50

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For Women and Misses

New Styles—Fine Quality

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French Kid Gauntlet Gloves, with strap fastener at wrist, pique sewn; a very popular and dressy glove, in shades of mode, tan, grey and mole. A pair \$3.50

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Fur-lined Gauntlet Gloves, with a deep flare cuff, strap wrist fastener and fur lined from cuff to finger tips; very desirable driving gloves. A pair \$6.50

Wool-lined Gloves, in capekin or mocha, wrist length, with one dome fastener. These are wool lined throughout, offering every comfort. Shown in brown, grey or tan. A pair \$2.50

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From These Three Big Bargains for Men

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For Christmas buyers, we have stocked a large variety of suits at these prices. Made from blue serges, worsteds and tweeds, including newest shades; herringbones, plain shades of fancy dark stripes, in the styles men prefer. Double-breasted, English models and smart, one or two-button styles for men or young men. All show fine tailoring and finish and the patterns are just what you desire. Special values, \$24.50, \$30.00 and \$35.00
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Three Good Values

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Reed and Grass Cake Stands, Children's Reed Chairs, Mahogany and Oak Smoking Stands, Mahogany, Natural, Teakwood Jardiniere Stands and Golden Oak High Chairs. Each \$3.00

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for, each \$32.50

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Christmas Gifts for the Home Lover

Fireside Companions of oxidized brass, consisting of stand, brush, shovel, tongs and poker. Nice selection, priced at \$5.00, \$5.25 and \$5.75
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Caps, Hose, Shirtwaists and Overalls; great value, \$1.00
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Men's Khaki Flannel Shirts, all wool with turn-down collars, with loops, and two military pockets. Special value, each \$3.00

Men's Fine Negligee Shirts, coat style, with centre pleat, each guaranteed. Made from woven sephyr, printed repps and Bedford cords. Special, each \$1.75

All Wool Imported Flannel Shirts, Winter weight, with neck bands and separate collars to match. Fancy light stripes. Each at \$4.50

Men's All Wool, light grey flannel shirts with turn-down loop collar and two military pockets. Each \$3.75

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For a Man's Gift

Give a man a Dressing Gown and you may be certain that he will be well pleased. It will be a gift that whenever worn, will suggest comfort, and remind him of the giver's thoughtfulness. We have many to select from, silk or wool, in pleasing patterns with fancy cuffs and collars or roll collars and girdles. Lovats, brown, greys and fancy checks; all sizes, and our stock is complete. Gowns for

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Gift Tables of Chinaware, Silverware, Cut Glass and Novelties

Prices Ranging From

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In our China and Silverware Departments we have arranged a series of tables, carrying a multitude of popular-priced gifts of quality and all at popular prices.

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Royal Doulton Plates, Vases and Jardiniere, Silver-plated Butter Dishes, Marmalade Jars, with silver cover and spoon. Cut-glass Marmalade Jars, Set of 6 Cut-glass Tumblers, Egg Stands with silver-plated mounts, spoon and china plate; Pair of Cut-glass Vases, and many other articles. Great value, each \$1.00

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China Cake Plates with silver handles, China Marmalade Jar with cover and spoon, Crown Ducal Ware in Vases, Plates, Etc., Silver-plate and Cut-glass Bon Bons, Silver-plate Vases, Set of 6 Silver-plate \$2.00
Dessert Spoons \$2.00

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Table No. 3

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Table No. 6

Silver-plated Ware—Fruit Baskets, Pie Plates, Casseroles, Cake Plates, Roll Trays, Sugars and Creams, Teapots and Cut-glass, Fine Pottery and Chinaware. Gifts for \$7.50

Table No. 4

Cut-glass Wine Sets, Silver-plated Pie Plates and Casseroles with Pyrex lining, Cake Plates, Salad Bowls with silver-plate mounts, Carving Sets, Vases and Bowls of English pottery, Cut-glass Vases, China Cake Plates and Silver-plated Butters. \$4.00
at \$4.00

Table No. 7

Silver-plated Three-piece Tea Sets, Casseroles, Pie Plates, Fruit Baskets and Cut-glass Berry Bowls, Vases, Rose Bowls, Dutch Fruit Baskets, Smokers' Sets and a Selection of Fine China and Pottery. Gifts for \$10.00
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Long have artists painted and poets sung about the beauty of slim, rounded, well-curled shoulders and beautiful arms. In the courts of by-gone days, as in the hoop skirt era, of our great-grandmothers' time, fashion recognized the loveliness of graceful, slender shoulders and lines by decreasing for the moment gowns which revealed its beauties, rather than those that concealed them. To-day, too, though the delicacy of bare shoulders do not exist, the vogue of the sleeveless gown demands that the line from chin to shoulder be the graceful.

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sloping curve that elicits admiration for its beauty.
If your shoulders and arms are not as gracefully curved and slender as they might be, you can help make them more beautiful, according to Kathleen Key, the lovely Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer player, who has a prominent part in "The Midshipman," now at the Dominion, who shows how lovely beautiful shoulders can really be.

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Thrills and laughs are provided in "The New Commandment" as well as for romance, the great love scenes between Blanche Sweet and Ben Lyon are the last words in it.

'MERRY WIDOW' PROVES
POPULAR OFFERING AT
COLISEUM THIS WEEK

"The Merry Widow," on the Coliseum boards this week, looks like establishing a record in popularity. The audience left humming the famous "Merry Widow" waltz, which was encored time and again, and the expressions of admiration at the elaborate new scenery and wonderful costumes were numerous. Every member of the company works hard for the success and their reward is spontaneous applause which the delightful musical numbers win.
Bebe Daniels in "The Manicure Girl," her latest Paramount starring production, adds to her triumph, this story, a screen original, has to do with Maria Marretti, who holds hands with New York's most exclusive set at the Curren Hotel.
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VETERAN ACTOR HAS
IMPORTANT PART IN
"THE LADY WHO LIED"

Hugh Saxon, who played the part of Socrates, god of wine, in Edwin Carver's latest, "The Lady Who Lied," is a veteran actor of distinguished theatrical lineage. His mother was the late Thomas W. Keene's leading lady.

He created important roles in such successes of an earlier era as "The Stowaway," "Romany Rye," Hoyt's "Bunch of Keys," and the Drury Lane spectacle, "The Prodigal Daughter."

He has appeared, since his film affiliations, in several Bill Hart productions, "The Lady Who Lied" is now showing at the Capitol Theatre. The story is an adaptation from Robert Hichens' novel, "Snake Bite."

BRIGHT COMEDY OF
ENGLISH LIFE WILL
BE SEEN AT ROYAL

"The Dover Road," a gay comedy of English life, a comedy of delicate texture and elusive charm, which will be offered by the Cameron Matthews English Comedy Company at the Royal for three days, commencing on Thursday evening, was written by A. A. Milne, formerly editor of Punch and author of "Mr. Pim Passes By," "The Truth About Blayds," "The Red House Mystery" and "The Romantic Age." It was first produced in New York, and played for three hundred and five performances, breaking the record of the Bijou Theatre, exceeding the run of any English comedy ever produced in New York.

All those who would like to see an English comedy at its best, and also the best piece of work A. A. Milne has done for the theatre, will find complete satisfaction in "The Dover Road." Philosophers have frequently observed that before people married they should have breakfast together, a meal at which the atmosphere is entirely different from that at dinner or supper after the theatre, for instance, and also more intimate occasions of life. The proprieties generally prevent these things happening and frequently the philosophers are able to point to another matrimonial wreck and say "I told

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you so." The philosophers did not suggest any way of averting these domestic tragedies, but A. A. Milne hit on an idea and he has given it to the world in his clever comedy "The Dover Road" which the Cameron Matthews English Comedy Company are presenting at the Royal.
Seats are now on sale for this attraction, and there will be a special bargain matinee on Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

G. P. HUNTLEY,
NOTED COMEDIAN,
TO APPEAR HERE

G. P. Huntley, the celebrated English comedian, will appear in Victoria in one of his most famous musical successes, "Three Little Maids," for two days only, Friday, December 25, and Saturday, December 26, with a Saturday matinee, at the Royal-Victoria.

Everyone who knows the London stage knows G. P. Huntley and his infatigable comedy. He starred as the Gaiety for years in a string of successes. He was co-starred with Raymond Hitchcock and Julia Sanderson in "Hitchy-Koo," took Mr. Cyril Maude's place in the leading role of the English dramatic success, "Aren't We All?" and continued, and last season was with Ethel Barrymore in the revival of "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," playing Sir George Greyed, a role which he played five years before with the Kendalls.

A great many here remember his success, "Three Little Maids." Mr. Huntley's golf comedy and his remarkable music which was one of its outstanding features during its long London run at Daly's and later during its engagements in America and Australia.

Perhaps his most noted number was the famous "His Sister Was a Millionaire," although others that have been always remembered are "I'm Dreaming of You," "Men, Men, Humbugging Men," and "Do You Really Think You've Known Me Long Enough."

In the present production, Mr. Huntley heads a large imported cast, almost entirely from London, but with a few New Yorkers added. The chorus, rated as the most beautiful on tour, and the settings, lighting and costuming have been special factors in the phenomenal success of this English hit during its transcontinental tour.
Matt orders are now being received.

DAILY RADIO
PROGRAMMES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

CFCT (323.5) Victoria, B.C.
8 p.m.—By courtesy of Bonnie & Taylor, and "The Star" given from the Chamber of Commerce, music being supplied by the Victoria Moose Club.

KPO (428) San Francisco, Cal.
6:40 p.m.—Waldemar Lind and the States Restaurant orchestra.
7:30 p.m.—Study Selger's Fairmont.

9:30 p.m.—Programme of the Atwater Kent artists.
10:11 p.m.—Dance music.
10:11 p.m.—Waldemar Lind and the States Restaurant orchestra.

KFOA (485) Seattle, Wash.
6:45 p.m.—The Pacific States Electric Company dinner hour concert.
7:45 p.m.—Hoppy-Kelly Music Co. musical programme.

8:30-9:30 p.m.—The Times organ recital.
KJR (384) Seattle, Wash.
7:45 p.m.—Sears-Roebuck studio programme.
8:30-9:30 p.m.—Post-Intelligencer studio programme.

KGO (351) Oakland, Cal.
6:30 p.m.—Dinner concert from Sherman, Clay and Company.
CFVC (411) Vancouver, B.C.
7:30 p.m.—Market reports, Vancouver Sun.

KOA (323) Denver, Colo.
5:30 p.m.—Dinner concert.
5:30 p.m.—Book of Knowledge.
7 p.m.—Studio programme, commemorating KOA's first anniversary.

2 p.m.—Dance programme.
CFCD (444) Vancouver, B.C.
8:30-9:30 p.m.—Studio programme.
KTCL (306) Seattle, Wash.
7:30 p.m.—Easter Outfitting Co. "Charmed Land" studio programme.

8:30-9:30 p.m.—Studio programme.
CFCD (411) Vancouver, B.C.
6:30 p.m.—Dinner hour programme.
9:30-11:30 p.m.—Studio programme.

CFQC (411) Vancouver, B.C.
11:30-1 a.m.—Prince's Cafe midnight concert.
CFXC (291) New Westminster, B.C.
7:30-8:30 p.m.—Studio programme.

CFAC (436) Calgary, Alta.
7 p.m.—Special programme by the St. David's Society.
KNX (337) Hollywood, Cal.
7:45 p.m.—Ambassador concert orchestra.

5:30 p.m.—Feature programme.
9:10 p.m.—Hercules Gasoline Co. courtesy programme.
10:11 p.m.—Dance orchestra.

KFI (487) Los Angeles, Cal.
6:45 p.m.—KFI Radiotelephone Period.
7 p.m.—Nick Harris, famous detective, author and lecturer.
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday night variety.

8 p.m.—Weekly programme of the Ventura Reding Concert.
9 p.m.—Programme by L. A. Examiner.
10:11 p.m.—An hour of dance music.

KFDJ (254) Corvallis, Ore.
7:30-8:30 p.m.—Musical programme.
KXL (508) Oakland, Cal.
8:30 p.m.—Educational programme.

8:30 p.m.—Concert by the Philharmonia of the Business and Professional Women's Club.
10:15 p.m.—Sweet's ballroom entertainers.
CNRW (384) Winnipeg, Man.
5:30 p.m.—Borden's Department of Agriculture-market reports.

8:40 p.m.—Studio programme by Waterhouse string quartet.
8 p.m.—Supper dance programme by the Port Garry Hotel orchestra.
KCMY (400) Los Angeles, Cal.
6:30-7:30 p.m.—Children's programme.

8 p.m.—Dr. Mars Baumgardt, lecturer.
8:30-10:30 p.m.—Programme by the Peerless Laundry.
10:30-11:30 p.m.—Art Hickman's Baltimore dance orchestra.

KOW (482) Portland, Ore.
6:30 p.m.—Dinner concert.
8:30 p.m.—Concert.
10:11 p.m.—Concert from Sherman, Clay and Company studio.

KWSC (348) Pullman, Wash.
7:30-8:30 p.m.—Studio programme by Colfax High School.
WEAF (461.8) New York, N.Y.
7:30-8:30 p.m.—Concert, U.S. Army Band.

8:30 p.m.—Huyler's Bon Bon Budden.
8:30-9:30 p.m.—Pooley concert.
9:10 p.m.—Ivana Troubadour.
10:11 p.m.—Musical programme.

11:15 p.m.—Ben Bernis and his Hotel Roosevelt orchestra.
WFOZ (26.5) Kansas City, Mo.
8:30 p.m.—Classical recital.
11:45 p.m.—Nightclub frolic.

WEBC (27.9) Chicago, Ill.
9:10 p.m.—Orchestra; Florence Holcomb soprano.
11:1 a.m.—Orchestra.
KPAB (340.7) Lincoln, Neb.
8:30-9:30 p.m.—Belcher; Ralph Hall, banjo, ukulele and voice.

KPMX (277) Northfield, Minn.
9:10 p.m.—Musical programme.
WMBB (250) Chicago, Ill.
9:11 p.m.—Trianon orchestra, Woodlawn Theatre orchestra.

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him of their intention to be present, and the number has been growing daily.

Others have answered by letter, and they have come from all parts of Vancouver Island. Chief of Police Sirras of Nanaimo expects to make the trip from Nanaimo with

some other members of eleven platoon living in the Coal City. Corporal Jimmy Kinsley of Parksville expects to bring down an up-island contingent. Others will come from Courtenay, Ladysmith, Duncan, Qualicum and other up-island cities.

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The Faint Heart

By RUBY AYRES

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THE LONGEST NIGHT

"I hear the Wye-Smiths are very rich," Lena said thoughtfully. She glanced at Shayle over her shoulder. "That is why I thought you might have designs on the blue-eyed Baba," she told him. "Isn't it traditional money?"

"If it is, the tradition evidently failed when I married you," she shook her head smilingly. "Have you forgotten that you married me for love?" she reminded him. "Have you forgotten that night we broke off as Shayle turned on his heel to the door? 'Oh, don't go,' she cried swiftly. 'Don't go! I won't tease you any more, I promise.'"

Shayle looked back over his shoulder, his face livid. "I came here to see if we could not find some way out of this damnable position," he said passionately. "And all you do is talk and giggle like a fool!"

Lena rose to her feet again, one hand outstretched. "Why can't we be friends, Shayle?" she asked softly. "He looked at her offered hand, and then at her face. She was serious enough now, and a little pale and strained, but he thought of their last meeting more than ten years ago, and of the contrite smile she had hurled at him then, and that memory trampled down any softer feelings."

"Friends!" he repeated hoarsely. "I wish to God I need never set eyes on you again." Then he was gone, with a bang of the door. He had been a fool to come, he told himself savagely, a fool to imagine there would be anything to gain by discussion with her. She had only changed in appearance, otherwise she was still the same woman she had always been, vain and self-seeking, regardless for the feelings of others.

And it was for her that he had wounded Baba to the heart. For her he had been forced to perjure himself, and give the lie to all he held most dear. Was she thinking of him now? Was she already beginning to hate and despise him, or was she lying awake, staring into the darkness, crying?

Baba, who was always so happy and bright, crying! Baba, whom he adored, perhaps breaking her heart for him. That night was the longest Baba could ever remember. Her heart felt burnt up and stony. She had no tears to shed. She lay awake hour after hour listening to the little sounds about the house, her father's chronic cough, the creaking of a window, and the sighing of the wind in the trees outside.

In spite of her despair, she could not believe it was all at an end between herself and Shayle. She had lived for so short a time in her Father's Paradise, she was haunted by the conviction that if she were patient she would wake up soon and find she had only dreamt of that meeting with him in the woods. And yet, had he been harsh? She could only remember his tragic eyes, and the hoarse pain of his voice, and wonder.

FATHER TAKES A HAND

"Do you know where Shayle was last night?" repeated Jim. "Why should I know? It's not my business," answered Baba. "I thought you might be interested."

There was a little silence, then Baba said faintly: "Tell me, Jim. Where was he?" Jim glanced quickly at her and said: "Well, he was at Ivy Cottage, with Mrs. Elkin," he said. Jim dearly loved a gossip and in his heart he did not like Shayle. Baba took up her coffee and sipped it.

"How do you know?" she asked. "I saw him go in. I was going by about half-past ten, and I saw him go in. She was evidently expecting him, because she opened the door herself directly he knocked. What did you say?"

"Nothing. Go on," Jim was forced to admit. "I just caught a glimpse of her and she looked topping! All topped up in a pink sort of dressing-gown thing."

"But I expect it was a boudoir gown," Baba said very quickly. "Well she looked topping," Jim reiterated. "And she was smoking a cigarette! Good old Shayle! he's got taste in women anyway." Baba pushed back her chair and rose.

"What horrid things you say, Jim," she protested. She marvelled that her voice was so calm, she marvelled that he could walk so steadily from the room, when her heart was breaking with bitterest jealousy. So she had discovered the reason for her desertion after all! Lena

Elkin, whom Shayle had known for ten years. An old sweetheart, perhaps! No doubt they had been separated for some reason or had quarrelled. And now Fate had brought them together again, and that was all! There was nothing more to be said, no further explanations to be made. She herself did not want. She went about life the next few days in very much the same way as usual, but she felt as if she were in a dream. She walked and talked with the colonel, and listened patiently to his complaints about the slowness of the police.

"Why don't they brighten up?" he demanded fiercely. "I suppose it would be the same if we had all been murdered in our beds. What the devil is the world coming to?" "It may not have been a burglar after all," Baba suggested hopefully, thereby bringing down another storm of wrath upon her head. "Not a burglar! Of course it was! You'll be saying next that I haven't got any silver in the safe or that I didn't find footprints in the room. Talk about something you understand."

They went down the drive, where

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YES PA, THE POOR MAN WHOM CEDRIC HAD STAYING WITH US UNTIL WE COULD PRODUCE HIM SOME WARM CLOTHING HAS GONE! CEDRIC HAD ONE OF HIS OLD SUITS CUT DOWN FOR HIM AND HE WENT AWAY, HAPPY, THIS MORNING!

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WILL FINISH P.G.E. IF IT CANNOT BE SOLD, PREMIER DECLARES IN TABLING BILL

Line Cannot be Abandoned Under Any Circumstances, He Assures House; Hopes to Enlist Aid of C.P.R. or C.N.R. With Attraction of Huge Land Grants; Province at Last Will Have Something Definite to Offer to Possible Buyers, He Says, Asking House to Take its Time in Considering Problem.

Three statements stood out boldly in the declaration of policy uttered by Premier Oliver in the Legislature yesterday afternoon when he tabled the Government's Pacific Great Eastern Bill.

1. It is the policy of the Government to maintain the road. The idea of abandonment could never be entertained. It would have a disastrous effect on the credit of the Province to advertise to the world that the Government is prepared to abandon an asset on which it has a liability of \$50,000,000.

2. The proposed legislation providing grants of land to the P.G.E. Railway Company up to 20,000 acres a mile is with the hope of enlisting either of the two great transcontinental railways, the C.P.R. and C.N.R. or some other private enterprise to take over the line. In working out this policy the Government contemplates seeking the assistance of the Government of Alberta, of the Dominion and of Great Britain in connection with an extensive colonization policy for the Peace River district.

3. Failing to secure an agreement whereby somebody will take the line off the Government's hands on terms that can be justified to the people the Government is prepared to come to the House next session with legislation to complete construction of the railway at least to Vancouver and Prince George.

IN-RIGHT DIRECTION

There was a general desire on the part of the Province to be relieved of some portion of the burden of carrying the P.G.E. if possible, said Mr. Oliver.

The land grant policy was a step in a direction to which the Government had been looking for some time. No progress had been made in inducing the C.P.R. or the C.N.R. to take over the line, but with these tracts of land the Government would have something definite to lay before the two big railways.

The Premier said he had in mind the possibility of inducing the Dominion Government to assist in extending the railway through the Peace River district to the Alberta boundary by means of a cash subsidy or land grants or both. A return of the Peace River block to the Province would be sought, he said. Ultimately he predicted that for the full development of the Peace River district railways would be required on both the north and south sides of the Peace River as there was valuable land on both sides and bridging the river was a costly and difficult engineering feat anywhere between Hudson's Hope and the present Peace River Crossing. The railway on the north side would connect with the Canada Central Railway at Berwin. The south bank railway would connect with the E.D. and B.C. at Spirit River.

MIGHT GET SUBSIDIES

"As a matter of development policy," he said, "the Dominion Government might be induced also to subsidize the E.D. and B.C. and the Canada Central to connect with the P.G.E. at Hudson's Hope." The extension of the P.G.E. via Finlay Forks to Hudson's Hope and Berwin would open the more valuable and extensive tract of land, said the Premier, but ultimately the Pine Pass line to Spirit River would also be required to bring about the full development of the country.

"The senior Vancouver member," continued Premier Oliver, referring to Charles Woodward, "as a young and inexperienced man in politics is disposed to hurry things up. He is a man of great energy and ability and when in a somewhat critical mood the other day he outlined his view I ought to be sent to London along with a competent business man and I quite agree that it would not be right for me to go alone). The idea that he conveyed to my mind was that we might get the co-operation of the Dominion and the Imperial Governments from a colonization standpoint and I have not lost sight of that in framing this legislation."

WANTS NO HURRY

The Premier said he did not wish consideration of the bill to be hurried. The Government had been criticized for lack of policy, but thought it was better in view of the genuine desire of everybody to salvage at least part of this great investment of between \$45,000,000 and

\$50,000,000 that the Government should wait until it had evolved a policy that had some chance of success.

BUILD FOR FUTURE, MRS. SMITH URGES IN PROPOSING BILL

Town Planning Measure Will Prevent Property Values From Being Ruined

It is high time that British Columbia cities started to put the principles of town-planning into effect, Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith told the Legislature yesterday when she asked for approval of her Town-planning Bill, as drastically amended by the municipal committee of the House.

"We are building for the future now and should build on scientific lines," Mrs. Smith urged. She declared that while Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver, had been laid out in a beautiful way, the Hastings townsite was a "blotch and a blot on the civilization of the city." Her bill, she said, was designed to prevent conditions of this sort and to save property owners from depreciation in the value of their land as a result of the construction of cheap, ugly buildings on adjoining lots.

The senior reading was given the bill. Mrs. Smith also introduced her City Manager Bill under which any municipality in the Province may adopt the form of government of government. She pointed out that Kamloops had tried this system with success and in Vancouver A. G. Pilkington, the City Controller, was regarded as a manager. Cities, she said, should have the power to adopt the system if they wanted it. The House gave second reading to this bill without objection.

IMPORTANT BILLS GIVEN TO HOUSE

Indication of the herculean task ahead of the Legislature if it hopes to complete its labors before Christmas was given yesterday when four highly important new pieces of legislation were laid before assembly.

These were Premier Oliver's P.G.E. Bill, Hon. J. D. Maclean's Taxation Act amendments, Attorney-General Manson's amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act, and the completed amendments to the Municipal Act on which the municipal committee of the House has been laboring for six weeks. The Municipal Act amendments occupy thirteen printed pages and include thirty-three clauses, one of which has thirty-eight sub-sections. This big section contains a complete revision of the licensing powers enjoyed by municipalities, putting these powers on a more comprehensive and clear-cut basis. In commenting on the amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act the Attorney-General said that he would like to have gone further as requested by labor organizations, but to have done so would have imposed very much heavier monetary charges on industry to such an extent as to be possible to "kill the goose that lays the golden egg."

HOUSE PRESSES BILLS FORWARD

Haunted by grim fears of the session dragging on into the New Year, the Legislature last night worked fast on a number of bills. Second reading was given to the new Hospital Act amendments, which are designed to settle the long-standing dispute between municipalities and hospital boards over the cost of treating indigents, and to the legislation framed to protect historic objects from vandalism. The new Water Act amendments and the Election Act changes covering the new absentee voting system were put through their final readings.

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